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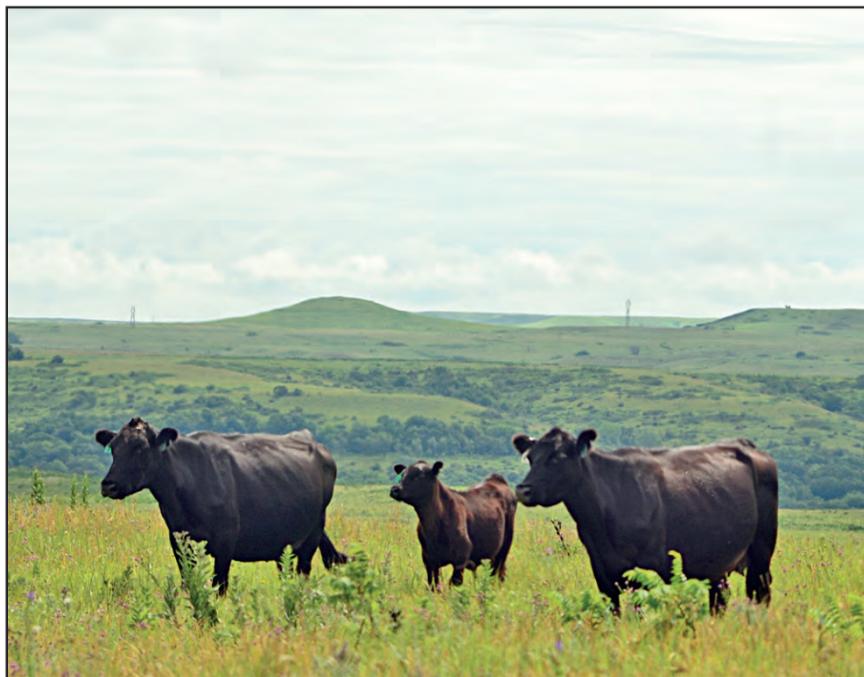


Munson's Prime offers beef-centered fine dining experience

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

"Insanity," Deanna Munson joked when asked what made she and her husband Chuck decide to open a restaurant featuring their award-winning Angus beef. But it was quickly evident that something much deeper inspired the move – pride. Pride in the family she married into that has spent nine decades developing the purebred Black Angus genetics that consistently produce a high-quality product worthy of showcasing.

The catalyst for opening a restaurant was when Munson's won Best Steak in the Nation at the American Royal steak competition. Contestants submit a frozen ribeye steak and the blind judging, which is done at Kansas State University's sensory lab at Olathe, is performed by a panel of trained judges and chefs who judge the meat for juiciness, ten-



Munson's run a closed herd of 250 purebred Black Angus cows and use low-stress handling techniques. The beef is dry-aged, then vacuum-packed and flash-frozen with no preservatives, flavor enhancers or other additives.



Munson's Prime is located just off I-70 at 426 Golden Belt Blvd. in Junction City.



The dining room at Munson's Prime reflects the heritage and heart of a cattleman in every detail. There is also a bar and lounge area.



The ice cream freezer, built by Munson farm employees, is an impressive sight and can freeze four canisters in eighteen minutes. Deanna Munson uses her grandmother's recipe and Jersey milk from Emrich Family Creamery in Onaga.

Courtesy photos

ness and flavor. Within each of those traits they also judge for initial, sustained and overall of each one, for instance, initial juiciness, sustained juiciness and overall juiciness. There is a final category of overall satisfaction to the palate. There are divisions for grass-fed and grain-fed beef. Competing in the grain-fed category, Munson describes their beef as grass-raised and grain-fed. "The animals are totally grass fed until the last por-

tion of life, at which point they are put in a grain lot, but can still get to grass," she said.

With the contest win under their belt, they began to look to the future. "When you win something as major as that, you need to do something with your meat other than what you've done," Munson reflected.

Not that what they had been doing was anything to be taken lightly. For a good number of years they sold their beef at the Kansas City Stockyards, where many high-end restaurants were their customers. They sold to Iowa Beef in Emporia, and when it was sold to Tyson Foods, were featured in their Tyson Gourmet division geared to upper end steakhouses and restaurants. When Tyson closed, their only option was to truck the cattle to Garden City or Grand Island, Nebraska. But they knew that the long hauls would compromise the quality of their beef. So they opened a retail store in Junction City and also began selling their meat on the internet. That brought its own set of problems, as those customers wanted mainly the filets or t-bones. "You can't do that, you have to sell the whole animal," she pointed

out. They were granted membership to the National Association of Specialty Food Trade (NASFT), who had never carried beef before because they didn't believe there was really any difference in beef. One taste of Munson's beef changed their minds. They set up at the NASFT Fancy Food Show in Washington, D.C., where 20,000 people got a taste of Munson beef.

But selling outside the state of Kansas is something they are now trying to get away from due to fact that the meat has to be federally inspected and Munson doesn't care for their processing. Their usual processor is Brad Dieckmann, owner of Clay Center Locker. "I would say he is phenomenally good and that is part of why our meat turns out so good," said Munson. They are also phasing out internet sales for the same reason.

Along with the impetus of winning the award, Munson lists her reasons for starting a restaurant as the need to sell all the meat they process each year from their 250-cow herd; the pride she feels for the Munson family, and the urging of their daughter Michelle, who had a great interest in showcasing the prime quality meat from her

father and grandfather's endeavors. "It was pride in her dad and pride in Kansas," Munson explained.

With both she and Chuck in their 70s, Munson queried, "Would you start a business at that age if those weren't things you wanted to do?"

So they purchased a former restaurant building in Junction City, completely remodeled it and opened Munson's Prime Steak House, where their beef is the centerpiece of a four-course meal served family-style. The unique dining experience begins with each person picking out their own steak from a freezer in the center of the dining room. As the appetizers, cole slaw and seasonal surprise are enjoyed, the steaks are seared and grilled to the diner's specification. As much as possible, Munson also uses locally-sourced produce in their meals.

Topping off the feast is homemade ice cream, which is a story in itself. Munson began making homemade ice cream for the Geary County Fair after she retired from Kansas State University in 2004. That year they were low on funds for the fair and looking for ways to generate interest that wouldn't cost a

small fortune. She volunteered to make homemade ice cream herself and ended up making 65 gallons in 1 and 1/2 gallon freezers. It was such a huge success, the fair board wanted to make it a yearly tradition. "Over my dead body," she said. But while at the Kansas State Fair she saw a man with a big freezer and upon inquiring about it learned that he got it off the internet from Lehman's Hardware in Kindred, Ohio. They commissioned an Amish family to locate an old John Deere 1917 single cylinder "hit and miss" motor, restore it, paint it up and build a wagon that will hold two freezers. She ordered the set up and told the fair board they would make ice cream for the fair as a donation for years to come. "Because we feel strongly about supporting 4-H," she explained. Along with the Geary County Fair, they have made ice cream for numerous events in the surrounding areas for the past ten years.

On a visit to Silver Dollar

City in Branson, she had seen a large ice cream freezer in one of the shops and discreetly took pictures of it. When they decided to open the restaurant, they took their farm crew to Branson and stealthily examined the freezer to see how it was made.

"Then I decided that was unfair and went back and found the management to ask about it," she recalled. "They were the most helpful, generous people you could ever hope to know. Before the day was over, the farm guys were back there taking measurements." Their project for that winter was replicating the ice cream freezer one piece at a time. The finished product, along with being a sight to behold, can freeze four canisters at a time in eighteen minutes consistently. Munson uses her grandmother's recipe, substituting Egg Beaters for eggs, so they will be pasteurized. She uses Jersey milk from Emrich Family Creamery in Onaga, and believes it

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Summer safety

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Before long, kids will toss their schoolbooks and pencils in the far corners of their rooms, don their Magellan garb and embark on a summer course of outdoor exploration.

For many rural children, railroads, dumps, junkyards, abandoned properties and ponds make exciting places to explore. It is up to parents to decide where suitable adventure sites may be found.

Each year, hundreds of railroad trespassers are killed and injured, according to the National Safety Council. Children who crawl under or pass around lowered gates, walk the

tracks, cross trestles, take shortcuts across railroad property, hop trains, or climb in, on or around railroad cars run a tremendous risk.

This spring take the time to warn your children of these dangers. Instruct them to obey warning devices and insist they never cross a railroad track until they have looked both ways and are sure it is safe.

Never assume children will act like responsible, mature adults. Advise them often because they forget.

Kids will be kids. For most, life is an adventure. Anything and anywhere is fair game for exploration.

When I was a boy growing up in northwestern Kansas,

there was always something magnetic about a junkyard. We had an abandoned dump within walking distance.

We dug and sifted through the trash at the site for hours, collecting little treasures to add to our growing collections. Sometimes these "keepers" as we called them consisted of rusted iron spikes, neat-shaped bottles, broken wrenches and tools, discarded containers and other cast-offs.

While we weren't aware of it or didn't care, the risk of injury was always present. Wasps, snakes, rats, spiders and other creatures scrambled and slithered to move out of the way of our excavation projects. Broken glass and boards with rusty nails threatened to cut or puncture our small feet. I will never forget the pain of stepping on a nail.

Dumps also feature trucks, bulldozers and other heavy equipment. It's difficult for operators to see

children scooting among the debris. Warn your children to stay away.

Dark deserted buildings – including barns and abandoned farmhouses – often have the reputation of being haunted. Such structures were always considered another adventure when I was a youngster.

Big kids often dare little kids to go in. I remember accepting the challenge and brushing my way through cobwebs and crawling around rodent holes and fleeing mice. Although I survived, I wouldn't advise any child of mine to do the same.

When I was a youth, my dad warned me again and again about swimming ponds. I guess the repetition paid off because I never swam in such pools of water until I was in high school and an "OK" swimmer.

Remember to tell your children about such ponds. They are deep. You can be into water up to your knees the first couple of steps and

the next – over your head.

There are no lifeguards. Fencing off ponds may help. Warning signs also may serve as a deterrent, but kids always find a way into the water.

Warn children about such potential hazards. Then warn them again. Saving one child's life is worth the effort. It takes more than once for them to grasp your warnings.

Lead by example and remember that as a parent you have been entrusted with safeguarding your children's well-being. Summer time is a special time for kids. Having a child is indeed a treasure. Take care of, cherish and nurture this wonderful gift.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

Netflix to stream Farmland

Academy Award®-winning filmmaker James Moll's feature-length documentary, *Farmland*, is now available for streaming on Netflix.com. With 57 million subscribers worldwide, Netflix is considered a premium destination for documentaries and is an opportunity to extend the reach of *Farmland* across the U.S. and into Canada.

"I'm thrilled that *Farmland* has found a new home at Netflix," said Moll. "There's a lot of interest out there in the next generation of farmers and ranchers, and Netflix is a great venue to meet and be inspired by these six hard-working Americans." *Farmland* provides viewers with a first-hand glimpse inside the world of farming and ranching by depicting the lives of six young farmers and ranchers. In addition to streaming on Netflix, the film is currently screening on major college and university campuses across the nation. Additional campuses interested in holding a screening can submit requests at Farmlandfilm.com. The film continues to be available for rent and purchase at Walmart retail locations nationwide, Walmart.com, and via digital download on iTunes, Amazon Instant Video, Blockbuster On-Demand, Sony PlayStation, Vudu.com, Xbox and YouTube.

Produced by Moll's Allentown Productions, *Farmland* was made with the generous support of the U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance®. During its theatrical debut in 2014, *Farmland* was shown in theaters nationwide and also was featured at film festivals in Atlanta, Cleveland, Nashville and Newport Beach, Calif. Check out the official trailer and more information about the feature length documentary at Farmlandfilm.com and on Facebook.



Being a parent isn't easy and being a parent of a teenager is something akin to being a climber on Mount Everest. It's difficult, dangerous and often you need more oxygen. But once in a while you just have to sit back and enjoy the view and wonder how you got there. Most often your teens frustrate you, but just when you think there is no hope they blindsides you with something really good.

Last year Ike set his sights on becoming a district FFA officer. The district banquet was marked on our calendar and the goal of becoming an officer started to take shape. Often it was the topic of conversation at the dinner table or long car rides (the only time teens seem to be able to have conversations with their parents). It was something he very much wanted and a goal he focused on like nothing I have ever seen him do before.

He spent many hours painstakingly filling out the application and had me look it over. After it was submitted he began to work on his speech with the help of his advisor and student teacher. Soon the elections became the focus of most of his time and energy. Many hours were spent going over his speech and practicing it. By the day of the elections I think I could have given his speech without notecards. When the day finally came he was as ready, and more importantly, as organized for it as anything I have ever seen him do. He had really thrown himself into the elections and we were all very excited.

The day came and he, his advisor and a fellow chapter officer also running for district officer left after lunch for the interviews and eventually the banquet and the elections. Jennifer and I left later that afternoon to attend the banquet and on the drive to Sabetha his speech kept running through my mind. I even thought if he lost his place I could shout out the next word, although I was sure that would be frowned upon.

One of the hardest things I have ever had to do as a parent was wait. It is hard to wait for your child to show their animal at the fair, it is hard to wait for their next at bat at a ballgame and it is hard to wait for results of a contest. Finally I couldn't take the waiting anymore and I sent a text to his advisor. The responding text was not what I wanted to see. He had not made the slate and would not get to give his highly polished speech. Needless to say Jennifer and I were very disappointed for him and we wondered how he was doing.

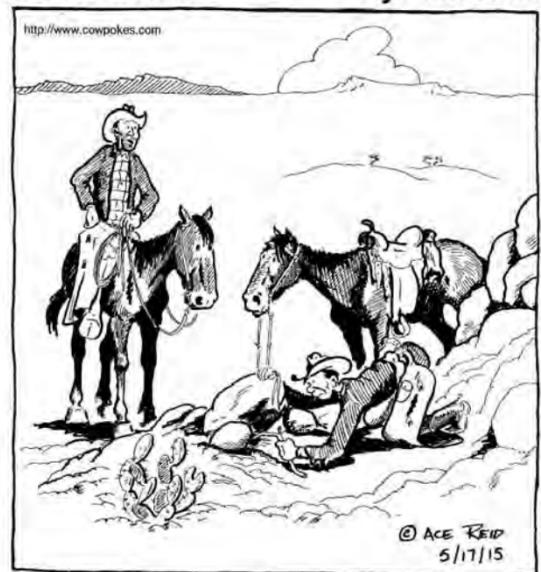
Cautiously I sent a text to his advisor asking how he was doing. The answer came back that he was disappointed but taking it well. Soon, Jennifer got a text from Ike saying he had not made the slate. She sent a message back and asked how he was doing. His reply was that he was okay and disappointed but there was no point in being down about it. Life would go on.

I have often said you can tell the most about the character of a person when things don't go well and when they are disappointed. Ike met us at the door. He was cheerful and once again said while he was disappointed he would be fine and he would focus on his next goal, a state degree. I must say I was awfully proud of him as I watched him interact with his friends from his chapter and from other schools. He was cheerful, encouraging and upbeat; Jennifer and I knew the amount of work and effort he had put into this endeavor and he had every right to be upset and pouty.

That was one of those moments as a parent when you think, maybe, just maybe we got something right. Just like the mountain climber on Everest it was time to sit on the cliff, let our legs dangle over the side and enjoy the view. After all, the much-dreaded and highly anticipated senior year is right ahead of us and the climb looks to be straight up. But for right now the view is awesome.

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A tale of two rivers: Kansas, Missouri River regions have differences and similarities

Like all residents, Pam Fortun cares about clean water coming out of the faucet. As a civil engineer with the fast-growing City of Overland Park, however, designing systems to avoid flash flooding, ensuring water quantity and quality, and minimizing runoff from new neighborhoods are also priorities for her.

Fortun attended a public outreach meeting in Desoto, set up by the Kansas Water Office recently.

The meeting was one of 26 hosted in March by the Kansas Water Vision Team, comprised of representatives of the KWO and the Kansas Department of Agriculture. In a quest to develop a long-term vision for the Kansas water supply, the team collaborated with K-State Research and Extension as they crisscrossed the state to gather opinions at the meetings.

The events were a step in a process started two years ago when Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback issued a call to action for a vision that ensures Kansas water priorities meet the state's current and future needs. As part of the process, 14 planning areas were established to assess resources and challenges from a local perspective. Citizens from each planning area were identified through a public nomination process and selected by the Kansas Water Authority. The teams sought input from others in their individual regions, developed draft goals based on the input and available resource condition information, and presented the proposed goals to the KWA.

The KWA, a part of the Kansas Water Office, is comprised of 13 people appointed by the governor or state legislative leadership. They advise the governor, legislature and KWO on water policy issues and are responsible for approving the Kansas Water Plan, federal contracts and legislation proposed by the KWO.

"We want to make sure we have the water supply, not only for today but for future generations," said Earl Lewis, assistant director of the KWO at the Desoto meeting. He said one of the primary problems across the state are nutrients, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, and sediment in the water. Sediment reduces the amount of water a pond or lake can hold and is where higher concentrations of nutrients are usually found. That can lead to excessive algae, scum, odor and taste problems, and can sicken and kill fish and other aquatic life.

Kansas River region supports growing population

The Kansas River cuts through northeast Kansas, home to some of the most populated counties in the state, including Riley, Shawnee, Douglas, Wyandotte and Johnson counties. "Almost 40 percent of the population of Kansas lives (in close proximity to) the Kansas River," Lewis told attendees at the March 9 Desoto meeting, and the population is expected to increase.

Donald Kaiser, a retired engineer who attended the Desoto meeting said, "What happens in western Kansas affects everyone here and vice versa."

Citizens' suggestions coming out of the meeting included that water is undervalued and that land-

owners who build wells and irrigate should pay for the water they use. One participant said that using water from a well has an impact on water availability for others in the area. Other suggestions included the need for more public education about water issues, including how much it takes to grow the food supply and greater flexibility to use recycled water from operations such as wastewater treatment plants.

Nick Guetterman, who farms 12,000 acres with his father and brothers in Johnson and Miami counties, said their biggest water challenge is timely rainfall.

"Our shallow claypan soils are unforgiving. We're either three days away from a flood or ten days away from a drought," said Guetterman, who serves as a planning team member for the Kansas River area. The family grows corn, soybeans and wheat and have a beef cattle operation.

One way they retain moisture in their farm's soil, he said, is by not tilling. "Since 1990, we've been 100 percent no-till."

Guetterman said water policy can encourage better stewardship of the land which could reduce runoff into streams and rivers.

"I think the biggest water issues we face are quality related, not quantity," said Rick Miller, agriculture agent with the K-State Research and Extension Johnson County office. With the rivers that run through that part of the state, coupled with rainfall and other surface water, there is usually an adequate supply. "The issue is keeping pollutants out of the water like sediment and fertilizers," he said.

Miller, a facilitator at the Desoto meeting, said he and K-State colleague Dennis Patton work with Johnson County stormwater and Hillsdale Lake officials on public education about those issues. Patton, an Extension horticulture agent, does public education on best management practices

for homeowners such as sweeping sidewalks so fertilizer is not washed down storm drains and grass clippings stay on the yard.

"We have secured funding for free soil testing so farmers and homeowners can test their soil first and only apply the fertilizers needed," he said. "We recently purchased a no-till drill so landowners can reseed with permanent grasses to help hold soil in place so it doesn't run into the lake."

Miller said he and Herschel George, a K-State watershed specialist based in Ottawa, encourage livestock producers to consider watering and feeding options away from creeks to reduce sediment and manure ending up in creeks.

Missouri River area

Outreach meetings for the Missouri River area in extreme northeast Kansas, included a March 12 event in Hiawatha, where Lewis told participants that a proposed aqueduct stretching from Doniphan County across the state to western Kansas will not move forward. He said the price tag, estimated at \$18 billion which doesn't include legal, environmental and other costs, is not feasible, especially in view of the state's current budget difficulties.

Alan Kelley, who represents the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Missouri on the planning committee for the Missouri River area, said high nitrates in the water pose the greatest challenge for both the tribe and the area in general. Some area landowners are also dealing with wells going dry.

The Iowa Tribe, located along the Missouri River, has a population of 4,500, about 300 of whom live on the reservation and 800 in the service area in Brown and Doniphan counties in Kansas and Richardson County in Nebraska.

Kelley said good water policy can improve the quality and quantity of water available in the area, and that he takes the simple approach, including not living beyond one's means.

"If you don't have enough water to grow a crop that uses a lot of it, then don't plant it," he said, adding that he would like to see a limit or an end to irrigation and chemical use in the area.

"Education, awareness, conservation," should be the three priorities, he said, adding "Human considerations and tribal water rights are a must before any waters are transferred. The 50-year vision is a good start, but who will police it?"

Other participant suggestions from that meeting included providing better public education about water for children and adults; a complete stop to irrigation in northeast Kansas; requiring meters on all wells; incorporating well-head protection plans to reduce contamination; and ensuring that the less water used, the less a landowner pays and vice versa.

Next steps

During April, the Regional Goal Leadership Team reviewed the public's suggestions and will present draft goals at a May 20 Kansas Water Authority meeting in Greensburg.

By July, the recommended goals and KWA feedback will be posted online for public comment. In August, the KWA will meet to define the final goals. The goals are expected to be incorporated into the Vision and presented to the governor and state legislature by winter 2015.

More information about the Kansas Water Office and the development of the 50-year vision is available at <http://www.kwo.org>.

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makes a noticeable difference.

Along with the steak house experience, Munson's serve a daily lunch special based on their farm ranch meal tradition of feeding a hearty dinner to whoever is working for them each day. Each day of the month they have a different menu, and have also recently started offering a hamburger, French fries and drink for \$8 at lunch. They continue to expand

their menu, including Park's Pasture Pork, Philly steak sandwiches, appetizers and even salmon. One thing they haven't added, and don't intend to, is chicken. "We will never add chicken," Munson said. "We are beef producers."

While running a restaurant comes with a never-ending list of challenges, it's a move Munson is glad they made. "At this point, I'm very glad we did it," she said. "We are enjoying the process."

Dickinson County Wheat Variety Plot Tour to be held May 21

The annual Dickinson County Wheat Variety Tour will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015. The tour will begin at 7:00 a.m. at the K-State test plot at Steve Hoover's, located at the junction of Highway 18 and Highway 15, north of Abilene. Stu Duncan, northeast area Agronomist with Kansas State Research and Extension will discuss wheat varieties as well as the special issues affecting this year's wheat crop. Hoover Tarp Sales will provide refreshments.

Immediately following the tour of the Hoover plots, the group will be given the option to visit other county plots, including discussion with Stu Duncan.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., an evening tour is planned at the K-State test plot hosted by Kevin Harris and Sam Shrack, located ten miles south of Abilene on Highway 15.

Erick De Wolf, Extension plant pathologist at Kansas State University, will be on hand to discuss the findings in the plot. Harris Crop Insurance will provide a hamburger feed at this stop.

The tour is sponsored by the K-State Research and Extension Office of Dickinson County. Please RSVP by May 19 to the Dickinson County Extension Office at (785) 263-2001 or dk@listserv.ksu.edu.

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Emma Jean Montfoort, Topeka: "This is a family favorite during asparagus season."

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- 1 1/3 cups quick-cooking rice, cooked
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- (8) 1/4-inch slices boneless, fully cooked ham
- 24 to 32 slender asparagus spears, cooked & drained
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Melt butter or margarine. Blend in flour and salt. Add milk and cook, stirring constantly, until thick. Add Swiss cheese and stir until melted. Blend 1 cup sauce into rice. Spoon an equal amount of rice mixture onto narrow end of each ham slice. Top each slice with 3 or 4 asparagus spears and roll ham around filling. Arrange rolls in a shallow 2-quart baking dish. Pour remaining sauce over rolls. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until hot, about 25 to 30 minutes. Yields: 4 servings of 2 rolls each.

NOTE: If I have any rice mixture left over I just mix it into the sauce before I pour it over the rolls.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
CRUSHED PINEAPPLE
POKE CAKE

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 20-ounce can crushed pineapple
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1 small box instant vanilla pudding
- 1 carton Cool Whip

Prepare yellow cake mix in a 9-by-13-inch pan. Let cool. When cool poke large holes in the cake. Spread crushed pineapple into holes and over cake. Mix cream cheese, milk and vanilla pudding until thick and smooth. Spread over pineapple topped cake. Spread Cool Whip over all.

Shirley Deiser, Kanopolis:

CHOCOLATE MALLOWS
PIE

- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups cold milk, divided
- 3.9-ounce package instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
- (1) 9-inch graham cracker crust

In a mixing bowl beat cream cheese and 1/2 cup milk until smooth. Add pudding mix and remaining milk and mix well. Fold in the marshmallows. Pour into crust and refrigerate until serving.

Linda Kepka, Dorrance:

FINGER GELATIN

- 3 small boxes of gelatin (same flavor)
- 4 packages of Knox gelatin
- 4 cups water

Boil water and mix with flavored gelatin and Knox gelatin. Pour into shallow pan and refrigerate. Cut into squares after it is set.

Kathy Hogue of Alma/Topeka salutes Beef Month with this special meatloaf recipe. It makes a great evening meal ... and as always, is yummy the next day for cold sandwiches. The leftover mini loaves are perfect to freeze and then defrost and warm in the microwave at the end of a busy day.

EL PASO MEATLOAF

- 6 slices dried bread (torn)
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup chili sauce
- 1/4 cup salsa
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 pounds hamburger
- 1 cup jalapenos

Mix bread, parsley, basil, onion, salt, pepper, mustard, milk, Worcestershire, chili sauce, salsa and eggs. Blend in (finely chopped) celery, jalapenos and hamburger. Line two 8-by-11-inch rectangle glass baking dishes with foil. Form into 2 loaves and drizzle ketchup in a zig zag design across top. Bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350 degrees in a preheated oven (or form into 6 mini loaves and place on a greased oven broiler pan; bake at 400 degrees for 45 minutes).

Recipe For Preserving Children

Take 1 grassy field, 2 small dogs, 1 new kitten, 1/2 dozen children, A pinch of brook, Some pebbles. Mix the children and the dogs and kitten well together and put them in the field, stirring constantly. Pour the brook over the pebbles. Sprinkle the field with flowers. Spread over all a deep blue sky. Bake in a hot sun. When brown remove and set away to cool in a bathtub. --Nancy Horne

Save Money While Slashing Salt Intake

Many Americans suffer from high blood pressure. One of the huge culprits of high blood pressure is too much salt in our diets. Health experts advise people at higher risk — including blacks, those who already have high blood pressure, and adults ages 51 years and older — to get no more than 1500 mg sodium daily. Here are ways to cut the salt from your diet AND to be more savvy with your money:

- Eat more foods from the farm and fewer from the factory. Buy as close to natural as possible, since processed packaged foods typically contain much more sodium than minimally processed ones. If you do buy a packaged food product, buy a "no added salt" or a reduced-sodium version when possible. Also, compare the food labels of similar products. For example, fresh tomatoes have virtually no sodium; the sodium content of one brand of tomato soup is 1100 mg per serving; and the sodium in another brand of tomato soup is 600 mg sodium per serving.

- Eat restaurant foods less often. One hamburger at a popular U.S. restaurant contains 6,400 mg sodium, which is four times more than the daily amount recommended! Cooking your own sandwich at home will likely be much lower in sodium, and will also save you time and money. If you do dine out, ask that your meal be made with no added salt. At national restaurant chains, choose lower sodium options after asking about the nutrition information of their foods.

- Be aware of certain foods. Foods that are high in sodium include: frozen dinners, commercially-prepared soups, canned vegetables, canned and cured meats, condiments, cheeses, breads and baked goods. An alternative choice is to make your own soups, such as the potato soup recipe below.

Many processed foods that are reduced in fat or low in fat have had salt added to them to enhance their taste. For example, 1 ounce of salted peanuts contain only about half of the sodium found in 1 ounce of low-fat colby or cheddar cheese (91 mg sodium for the peanuts, 174 mg sodium for the low-fat cheese)!

- Be smart about food labels. The only way to really know how much sodium is in a packaged food is to read the Nutrition Facts on the label. If you buy packaged foods, become aware of the terms that you may see on the front of the package. Below is the definition of what each claim means:

Sodium free - Fewer than 5 mg sodium per serving.

Very low in sodium - No more than 35 mg sodium per serving.

Low in sodium - No more than 140 mg sodium per serving.

Unsalted - No salt was added during processing.

Light in sodium - Half or less of the sodium in the original product.

Reduced sodium - One-fourth or less of the sodium in the original product.

Healthy - Less than 480 mg sodium for an individual food, or 600 mg sodium for a meal (such as a frozen dinner).

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Spud Soup

(Makes 2 servings, each 1 1/3 cups)

For variation, substitute some of the potato with carrots, broccoli or cauliflower in this low sodium, fat-free soup.

- 2 cups peeled diced potatoes (white or sweet)
- 1/4 cup each chopped onion and celery
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup water (add more, if needed)
- 1 cup fat-free (skim) milk
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch

1. In a covered non-stick saucepan, gently boil vegetables and spices in water for 10 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Remove from heat. 2. In a blender or with an electric mixer, blend milk and cornstarch. Add half of the soup mixture. Blend until almost smooth. Return blended mixture to saucepan. 3. Boil gently for 2 to 3 minutes until mixture thickens, stirring constantly. Serve hot. 4. Cover and refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Nutrition Facts per serving: 190 calories, 0 g fat, 41 g carbohydrate, 8 g protein, 0 mg cholesterol, 90 mg sodium and 3 g dietary fiber. Daily Values: 6% vitamin A, 25% vitamin C, 15% calcium, 4% iron.

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Beware of Food Fraud

Olive oil, fish, honey, milk, and fruit juices are common, everyday foods found in most people's kitchens. However, these common foods may not contain the food ingredients you think. Food fraud is gaining interest as an emerging risk given the increasingly global and complex nature of food supply chains. Food fraud is most commonly referred to as the intentional defrauding of food and food ingredients for economic gain. Adulteration of foods can happen either intentionally or unintentionally. Another form is called economically motivated adulteration. This is fraud committed for financial gain. The more complex the food chain is, the more vulnerable the food is to fraud.

Some producer's deceive consumers for the sole purpose of making money. Some consumers are not interested in how the food they consume was made, but want the cheapest product possible. The lack of interest and knowledge by the consumer can increase the risk of food fraud and contributes to those who are solely interested in making a big profit. This is a safety concern as some foods can have substitutes in them that are common allergens, such as tree nuts or eggs and can cause an adverse allergic reaction.

The leading categories of food fraud include:

- Olive oil — Olive oil is substituted or diluted with other oils.
- Fish and seafood — High-value fish substituted with low-value fish.
- Milk and milk products — cows milk adulterated with other animal milk.
- Honey, maple syrup, and other natural sweeteners — Other syrups or sugars are added. Honey has also contained unapproved antibiotics or other additives.
- Fruit juice — Some are diluted with water or other juices.

• Coffee and Tea — Ground coffee may contain twigs or leaves, roasted corn, ground roasted barley, or roasted ground parchment. Instant coffee may have chicory cereals, caramel, parchment, starch, malt, and figs. Tea may have leaves of other plants, color additives, or colored sawdust.

• Spices — Saffron may have glycerin, sandalwood dust, tartrazine, barium sulfate and borax. Ground pepper may have added starch, papaya seeds, buckwheat, flour, twigs, and millet. Other spices connected to fraud include vanilla extract, turmeric, star anise, paprika, and chili powder.

• Organic Foods — Conventionally grown foods labeled as organic.

In addition to state laws and farmers' market rules, food fraud is broadly regulated by various federal agencies, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Department of Justice, the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration, and the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. It is hard to determine how widespread food fraud is, but two databases have been created to help track food fraud incidents.

In March of 2015 the U.S. government took a step towards decreasing food fraud in the seafood industry. The Obama administration announced the creation of a system that will track the origins of every wild fish and crustacean shipped into the U.S.

The best way to avoid food fraud is to know your local producers. The closer consumers are to the producers of their food, the harder it is for producers to defraud consumers.

For more information about this subject, please contact your local Extension office. Erin Tynon, FCS agent, etynon@ksu.edu, 785-457-3319.



My spring affair

By Lou Ann Thomas
The recent rains have really made everything lush and beautiful, and my lawn is growing so fast I can hardly keep up with the mowing. Fortunately, I don't mind mowing; at least not in the beginning. I love the spring ritual of dragging the mower out of the shed after a long winter's rest. It feels a little like the fresh blush of new

love, but also comforting and familiar.

Our rekindling begins with the first tug on the rope. A grinding sound comes out of the mower, so I tug again. Nothing. I cuss a little, and then tug one more time. A cough, some black smoke, then silence. The mower is being coy and playing with me. I check all the connections and tug

once more. It teases me with a sputter then it dies. I try not to hurt my foot when I kick it, but I do. I give the rope a yank so backed by determination that it almost sends my backside to earth, but the mower heaves into life and we're off.

We are one, my mower and I, as I make a couple passes around the yard. The cut grass is cool as it swirls around my feet and legs. We are in rhythm. Unfortunately, soon I am too worn out to push it any farther. I stop, but only temporarily, because as with any new love the tending and caring has just begun. My mower and I are now committed to mowing every few days until September. Having spent more than ten summers together, this is one of my longest commitments.

But like any romance, the

new will soon wear off and I will begin wishing I didn't see so much of my mower. I want my independence, but the mower insists we stay together - for the lawn, it says. I agree to continue the relationship, but soon begin to distance myself and start taking the mower out less and less. By early August I won't want to even think about pushing its dependent body one more lap around the yard.

Then, like any summer romance, when the leaves begin to fall we will bid adieu. On a crisp autumn day I will wheel my mower back into its corner in the shed, turn and walk away. It will sit quietly and wait, knowing that out of need or desire I will return next spring to begin our affair all over again.

Some Tips from the Meadowlark Extension District Agent, Food & Nutrition, FNP

Storing and Using Rhubarb

Rhubarb season is almost here! Here's some tips on storing rhubarb.

*Remove and discard the leaves.

*Stored unwashed in plastic bags in the refrigerator. Use within one week.

*To use, wash, remove blemishes, and trim the ends. Slice stalks into pieces. If needed, peel the outer layer if it is tough and stringy.

*Freeze cleaned and cut pieces for up to 6 months.

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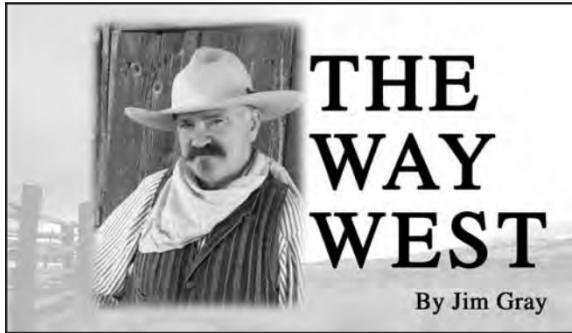
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Earning A Reputation

Bat Masterson and his brothers, Ed and Jim, were a part of Dodge City from the beginning. They were said to have helped build the road bed for the Santa Fe Railroad before Dodge City was established in 1872.

The brothers were also well known on the buffalo range. Bat was with the hunters when Quanah Parker led Comanche warriors against them at Adobe Walls. Bat's first gunfight at the buffalo hunter's rendezvous of Sweetwater, Texas, put a limp in his walk.

By 1877, Bat was Ford County Undersheriff. Ed joined the Dodge City police force and was later named Assistant City Marshal. Bat occasionally joined Ed on the city force while Jim remained on the buffalo range.

Bat was elected Sheriff of Ford County in the November, 1877 elections. Within weeks of the election Ed was appointed City Marshal by the city council. In only a few short years in southwest Kansas Bat and Ed had become the cornerstones of law and order in

one of the wildest frontier municipalities in the west.

Horse thieves, army deserters, and drunken cowboys soon filled "the lime kiln," a name given to the city jail by the editor of the local newspaper. Tramps and sometime gamblers with no visible means of support were put to work cleaning the trash from the streets.

In March of 1878, Ed and Bat collected a pair of train robbers just southwest of Dodge City. Jim arrived in town just in time to join a posse tracking two more of the robbers. The train robbery at Kinsley was a sensation that demanded a great deal of Bat's time. Four of the robbers were eventually captured.

Capture of the robbers was just coming to a close when tragedy struck April 9, 1878. While disarming a drunken cowboy Marshal Ed Masterson was shot through the abdomen. Ed walked across the tracks for a distance of about two hundred yards and collapsed on the walk in front of George Hoover's saloon. He was car-

ried inside where he passed away forty minutes later.

Death was swift, as was Bat's time of mourning for his brother. Within a week of Ed's burial Bat was on the trail of horse thieves. He found two of the horses southwest of Dodge City in the same place the train robbers had been arrested. Two more were located in the stable operated by Ham Bell. The horses had been stabled by Henry Martin and William Tilghman. Yes, the very same Bill Tilghman that would later become a famous lawman. Many have speculated that "Henry" Martin was actually Hurricane Bill Martin, an outlaw whom Tilghman remained friendly with during his years as a buffalo hunter. The men were eventually released, having been ably represented by attorney Harry Gryden.

The Saturday, May 11, 1878, edition of the *Dodge City Times* noted that Wyatt Earp had arrived in town the previous Wednesday. The editor predicted his services as an officer would be required on the Dodge

City force. By the next issue he was recognized as Assistant Marshal under City Marshal C. E. Bassett. John Brown and Charles Trask were identified as policemen.

While the city force was preparing for the coming cattle season, Sheriff Bat Masterson continued his efforts at the county level. On Thursday, May 16th, his vigilant jailor, John Straughn alerted the sheriff to "implements of jail delivery" present among the prisoners. A "brace" (hand drill), a rod of iron, and some wedges were discovered. The editor noted, "There is a poor chance to make a break under the present official management. The officers have argus eyes" (An argus was a monster with one hundred eyes from Greek mythology). In the unpredictable atmosphere on the Kansas frontier argus eyes were indeed an asset.

There was little time to rest on the laurels of effective supervision over the county jail. A notice from Hays City of the whereabouts of a wanted horse

thief required Bat's attention later that same day. George Foster was a known resident on the Smoky Hill River near the crossing of the Hays to Dodge City trail. By evening Bat had located and arrested Foster although the sheriff failed to recover the horse. Horse thieves were finding that passing through Bat's territory was not the best way to conduct their business. Foster was immediately escorted to Ellis County by a pair of Ford County officers. The editor of the *Times* quipped, "Horse thieves find hospitable reception at the hands of Sheriff Masterson. He is an excellent "catch" and is earning a State reputation." It was just the beginning for a man who would become a legend on The Way West.

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Window for musk thistle control closing

By Keith Martin, Livestock Agent, Wildcat Extension District
We are nearing the end of the time period to control Musk thistles effectively. Musk thistle is primarily a biennial or winter annual species. As a biennial, seed will germinate in the spring and plants remain as rosettes during the entire growing season. Upon surviving a winter, plants will bolt, flower, and produce seeds, taking parts of two growing seasons to complete their life cycle.

Musk thistle reproduces only by seed. Thus, the goal of any control program is to reduce and/or eliminate seed production. Control options include mechanical, biological, cultural, and chemical methods.

Mowing at the bloom stage will prevent seed production, but it usually takes two or three mowings at two to four week intervals to ensure that musk thistles do not produce seed. Another

method to keep musk thistles from producing seed is to cut individual plants two to four inches below the soil late enough in the growing season that they don't have time to produce viable seed. The musk thistle head and rosette weevils can also help reduce seed production.

Cultural control practices are any methods which improve grass vigor and grass cover and would include prescribed burning and good grazing management. Burning by itself will not kill musk thistle but can remove excessive amounts of litter that prevent good coverage when spraying. Areas with musk thistle should be sprayed about 10-14 days after burning. Proper burning stimulates warm-season grasses that compete more favorably against musk thistle. Proper grazing that maintains and/or improves the vigor of competing vegetation can also help keep musk thistle populations down.

Musk thistle plants are most easily controlled by herbicides applied during the seedling and rosette stages of growth. Common herbicides such as 2,4-D, dicamba, and picloram are very effective on rosettes. Products containing metsulfuron, chlorsulfuron, and aminopyralid are also effective on musk thistle.

Once plants begin to bolt, products such as picloram + 2,4-D (Tordon 22K + 2,4-D), metsulfuron + 2,4-D (Escort XP + 2,4-D), metsulfuron + chlorsulfuron (Cimarron Plus), metsulfuron + dicamba + 2,4-D (Cimarron Max), or aminopyralid alone (Milestone) or in combina-

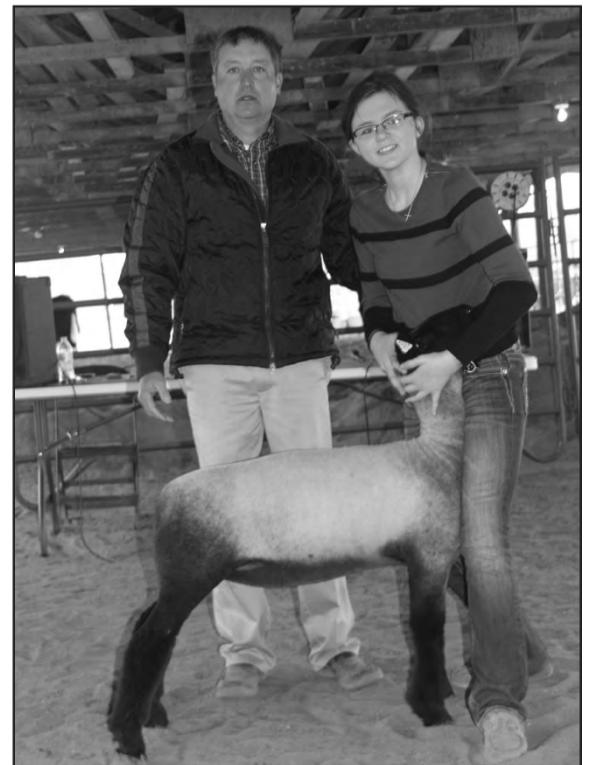
tion with 2,4-D (ForeFront R&P) are more effective.

Products containing clopyralid (Curtil and Stinger) provide excellent control of bolted to bud stage thistles. Treat musk thistle before it starts to bloom.

Always read the label with particular attention to precautionary statements, grazing/haying restrictions, and rates of application.

For information about this and other livestock and forage topics contact the K-

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USB offers top six soybean-planting tips

The days are longer, the birds are chirping and the trees are beginning to bud. For soybean farmers, it can only mean one thing: Planting season has arrived. And with planting season comes a wave of information; some of it helpful, some maybe not as much. Because everyone needs their lives made a little easier this time of year, here are the top six planting tips you should keep in mind.

Know your soil type and condition. Coarse? Dry? High-residue? Knowing your soil is crucial in determining a range of factors when planting this season, including the right depth to plant. It's desirable to plant deeper, closer to two inches, in sandy soils. In fine-textured soils, keeping seeds at shallower depths, between 1 and 1.5 inches, is best.

The early farmer gets the yield. Soybean yields respond to early planting, so get those seeds in the ground as early as possible. However, soil condition trumps timing. Wait out extreme weather forecasts and exceedingly dry soil. And avoid the risk of a late frost or freeze by considering your emergence date, which usually comes seven to ten days after planting.

Weeds can "spring" back to life. After a harsh winter, it's hard to believe anything could survive, but several species of weeds can lay dormant over the cold months and make unwelcome appearances before planting. Research funded by the Louisiana Soybean & Grain Research & Promotion Board has shown that maintaining weed-free soybean fields for the first five weeks after planting maxi-

mizes yield. For more weed-management tips, visit www.TakeActionOnWeeds.com.

Stick to the straight and narrow. While some farmers are moving away from narrow rows, research shows a return per acre can be maximized by planting rows narrower than 30 inches. "By widening rows, farmers are giving up more yield than they choose to believe, and this yield loss cancels any yield gains from inputs, based on our data," says Seth Naeve, Ph.D., University of Minnesota.

Save the worst for last. Did you know that soybean sudden death syndrome (SDS) is now among the top yield-robbing diseases in the U.S.? Soy-checkoff-funded studies show SDS cost U.S. farmers in excess of 25 million bushels in 2013 alone. While there are no

varieties with complete resistance at this time, when conditions are warm and dry, be sure to plant fields with a history of SDS last.

Stay safe out there. Every day, about 167 agricultural workers suffer a lost-work-time injury, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Five percent of these injuries result in permanent impairment. And farming is one of the few industries in which families are also at risk. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe this season. Know your surroundings, don't skip out on sleep or operate any heavy machinery while drowsy and keep your equipment properly maintained.

See more at: <http://unitedsoybean.org/article/top-six-soybean-planting-tips/#sthash.f2WnGdey.dpuf>

Spring heat more damaging to wheat than fall freeze

A team of researchers including a Kansas State University professor has released results of a study that measures the effects of climate change on wheat yields, findings that may have implications for future wheat breeding efforts worldwide.

Agricultural economist Andrew Barkley, who has studied wheat for nearly 30 years, said that the team's major finding is that heat appears to be more damaging to wheat yields than freezing temperatures.

"There's a lot of evidence to suggest that temperatures will increase in the future," Barkley said. "What we've done here is estimate the impact of what might happen to wheat yields if temperatures increase in Kansas."

In Kansas, the country's most productive wheat-growing state, farmers plant winter wheat in the fall and harvest it in late spring and early summer. The nine-month growing season makes the crop susceptible to many temperature swings.

If temperatures continue to rise, as climate patterns currently suggest, wheat yields may be damaged in the spring when flowering and grain filling occur.

"In Kansas, wheat is extremely important economically; crops are worth up to \$3 billion per year just in Kansas, and we produce about 15 percent of the wheat that is grown in the U.S.," Barkley said. "So we're interested in wheat for several reasons, but with climate change, we're concerned about the potential impact of that on wheat in

the future." Barkley added that more recently released varieties of wheat - which are normally higher yielding - are less heat resistant than older varieties. For farmers, it could force a decision about using those pest- or disease-resistant varieties and accepting the risk of losing yield to high spring temperatures.

"Our research points to developing genetic strategies to identify the exact genes and DNA that will help us change the wheat plant so that it can accommodate for heat," Barkley said. "At this time, the (Kansas State) agronomy department is working on that exact thing."

From 1985 to 2013, breakthroughs in wheat breeding helped Kansas farmers improve their yields by 27 percent, according to Barkley. "We've had huge success in increasing the amount of food we get from each acre in Kansas," he said.

Knowing that rising temperatures threaten that success, though, is "good news, in a way," Barkley noted.

"As we progress, we are going to be able to deal with these changes in temperature as they arise. Climate change is a slow process, and wheat breeding also is relatively slow, but there's been major advances in wheat breeding, so that we can change the average time it takes to develop a new variety from over ten years to about half that time. We really have a positive forecast of changing these wheat varieties to accommodate for the heat."

The study is published in the May 11 Proceedings of

the National Academy of Sciences (www.pnas.org). Other researchers on the team include Jesse Tack of

Mississippi State University and Lawton Lanier Nalley of the University of Arkansas.



Exhibiting the grand champion breeding heifer at the Flint Hills Classic in Eureka was Kristian Vohs, Paola.

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Spring Field Day planned June 5 in Garden City

The focus is on wheat and triticale at the 2015 Spring Field Day planned for Friday, June 5 at Kansas State University's Southwest Research-Extension Center in Garden City.

The educational event begins with registration and introductions at 4:30 p.m. K-State Research and Extension specialists will provide the latest information on wheat varieties, plus managing diseases and insects that pose a challenge to wheat production.

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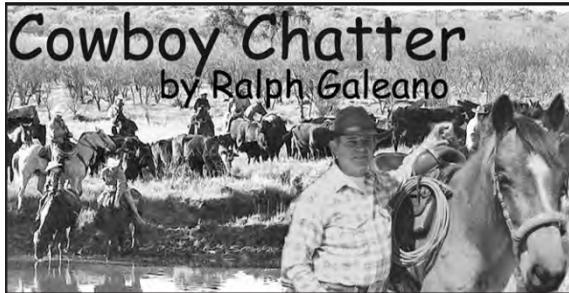
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Cowboy Chatter by Ralph Galeano

Doc Bailie

One thing usually leads to another when you're trying to find a solution to a horse problem. I scratched the hair off my head trying to figure out why one of our mares quit stopping on her hind end. She stopped real pretty when I first started her but gradually lost that nice, smooth, natural stop that's so easy to ride. When a horse simply sets down on their butt and settles into the ground you just seem to melt into the saddle and go with the flow. When they make a hard stop on their front end it can jar your teeth loose and rattle other things that make you wince.

I don't like to jar and rattle so when the mare's stops worsened to the point she was just plain jamming her front legs into the ground I began trying to figure out the reason she shifted from using her hind end to using her front end to stop. When

I have horse problems, I usually find that I'm the cause of the problem. I looked at my technique and wondered what I had done to cause this horse to lose her good stop. It had to be my fault. For once I was wrong.

I worked on her stops—concentrating on sitting down and rolling back a bit as I lifted the reins and said “whoa.” I asked people to watch and see if they could tell what I was doing wrong. It turned out that unless I did everything perfect the mare wouldn't stop on her rear end. One tiny error in timing or not synchronizing “whoa” with the reins or my body movement would end up in a bad stop. She never used to be that demanding and would get the idea and make a decent stop every time even if I didn't coordinate my moves. Merely lifting the reins or saying

“whoa” would get the job done.

The more I tried to recover that good stop, the worse things became. She began anticipating a stop and would lift her head and run away trying to get away from the pull of the bit she knew was coming.

Nothing was working so I gave up and sent her to a trainer for a month. He worked on her with little improvement. He was able to get a few more good stops than I was but not many. She still planted her front legs in the ground and rattled your brains almost every time you said “whoa.”

That trainer knew his business and began looking for other reasons why the horse didn't want to put any pressure on the back part of her equipment. From experience with this type of problem, he figured she was sore and that maybe her hocks were the problem. He hauled her to the vet and had both hocks injected with whatever they inject them with. She improved somewhat but after a month or two was right back crushing vertebrae (mine, not hers) when she stopped.

My neighbor ran a critical eye along the mare's backbone and said, “She's sore because her spine is out of alignment. It's hard to see but there's a slight bulge where there's not sup-

posed to be a bulge. She needs a chiropractor.”

I filed that advice away in the circular file (trash can) because I wasn't ready to accept that a chiropractor could cure the problem of a bad stop. I thanked her and kept scratching my head. When the time came for new shoes, I called a farrier who had a swell reputation and was also a pretty good trainer. He had never worked on this mare before.

He took one look at her and said, “I've got to stand her up. She doesn't have hardly any heel on her front hooves and she's having trouble breaking over. I'll bet she stops on her front end and comes down hard when you're loping.”

His assessment came as a surprise. This farrier had just described exactly the problem I was having and had never seen the mare before.

“How'd you know that?” I asked.

“Her back is sore and it hurts to put any weight on her rear when she tries to stop, so instead she uses her front legs to stop to relieve the pressure on her sore back.”

“Why is she sore back there?”

“Because she doesn't have enough heel on her front hooves to stand up straight. That throws the rest of her structure out of

alignment. If we correct her front heels and you get a chiropractor to correct her alignment you will see a big difference in her performance.”

I thought back to the advice I had disregarded from my neighbor. They can't both be wrong, I reasoned. “You don't happen to know a good chiropractor, do you?” I asked the farrier.

That's when Doc Bailie (the man, not the horse) came into the picture. He showed up with a smile on his face, took one look and said, “I'll bet she stops hard on her front end and jars your teeth out when you lope.”

It sounded like a conspiracy between the farrier and the chiropractor. The exact same prognosis. Becoming a little wary, I asked, “Can you help her?” He poked his finger near the base of her backbone and she flinched toward the ground so hard I thought she was going down. He didn't say a thing and walked out to his pickup and came back with a pair of rubber mallets. I wondered if he was going to knock her out to work on her but instead he placed one mallet on the side of her spine and gently tapped it with the other. Doc Bailie moved around her spine tapping and testing until I saw a satisfied look on his

face. He took two Bic lighters out of his pocket and held them up for me to see. What's he going to do now, I wondered, set her on fire?

I was completely lost. Where are the sterile instruments, and other gadgets usually associated with medical wizards, I wondered? Not here for sure. Doc Bailie worked with carpenter tools and stuff you find in a smoke shop. I watched as he held a lighter in each hand and placed them on each side of her spine. Standing behind her, he applied pressure on the lighters and raked them down her back and onto her rear quarters. She reacted by arching her back and I heard the distinct crack-crack of her vertebrae popping back in place. Doc Bailie looked at me and smiled. He said, “Don't you go trying that.”

“Not me, pal. It's a wonder you don't get kicked in the head.” “I have,” he said.

Impressed, I watched as he examined the base of her spine and palpated the area where the bulge was that shouldn't have been there. It was gone and so was the hump in her back. He had my full attention as he explained every move he made and described how things worked under her hide. Doc moved to her front and examined her neck. He manually manipulated her head and neck and then flexed her head around until it nearly touched her side. She appeared loose and comfortable when he finished. Her eye even seemed softer.

Doc Bailie looked her over again and seemed satisfied. “She feels a lot better already,” he said as he poked his finger in the same place that nearly decked her moments before. She never even blinked an eye this time. The pain had disappeared.

“Let her rest a few days before you use her again. It will take time for her muscles to accommodate the alignment. You'll see a great difference the next time you ride her. I'll check her again next week to make sure things stay in place. Other than that she looks fine.”

The first time I rode the mare her lope was smooth and comfortable and she began using her rear quarters to stop. We took it slow and easy at first but now, after a month, her confidence is back and she's setting down with no fear of pain. Her stops are back where they were and I'm a lot happier to be sitting again in those easy whoas.

The result of a seemingly small imbalance in her hooves caused the trouble. Doc Bailie had the chiropractic cure and it certainly worked on this mare.

The moral to this horse story is to pay more attention when your horse flinches or reacts to pressure from a brush, curry comb or your fingers. My mare did all these things and I didn't recognize she was in pain. Lessons learned from Doc Bailie will help me recognize these problems when they arise in the future. I thank him for his help and I know my horses will be a lot healthier as long as I pay attention to what they're trying to tell me with their body language.

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'All About That Wheat' is theme for spring field day in Colby

With the theme, "All About That Wheat," the K-State Northwest Research-Extension Center will host its 2015 Spring Field Day on Thursday, June 4, with a complimentary lunch to follow.

Registration, coffee and donuts plus introductions start at 8:30 a.m. Field tours and presentations led by Kansas State University faculty and staff begin at 9 a.m.

Solid stem wheat varieties for Kansas - Lucas Haag, K-State agronomist

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Flint Hills Rodeo last chance to qualify in Cowboy Poetry Contest

The first two go-rounds of the 2015 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest are completed. The last chance to qualify to compete at the state finals will be on June 6 at the Flint Hills Rodeo at Strong City, and the finals are June 12.

"We had excellent competitions at our first two regional contests in Ellsworth and Benton," said poetry contest chair Ron Wilson. Contestants presented original work in two divisions: serious and humorous poetry. The top three qualifiers in each contest advance to the state finals.

Regional winners from Ellsworth are as follows: Serious: 1st - Betty Burlingham, rural Manhattan; 2nd - Jerry Jones, Salina; 3rd - Don Wagner, Bennington. Humorous: 1st - Don Wagner, Bennington; 2nd - Betty Burlingham, Manhattan; 3rd - Jerry Jones, Salina. The contest was April 24.

Regional winners from Benton are as follows: Serious: 1st - Floyd Beard,

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"We appreciate our hosts for these contests, the Drovers Hall of Fame at Ellsworth and the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Supper at Benton near Wichita," Wilson said. "Thanks go to our major sponsor, the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation, and also to the Kansas Chapter of the Western Music Association."

The last of the regional contests will be Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 4 p.m. at the Flint Hills Rodeo in Strong City. Entry forms can be found at www.cowboypoeetrycontest.com.

The state finals will take place on Friday, June 12, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the newly renovated Volland Store, a historic building located at 24098 Volland Road, eight

miles southwest of Alma on Old K-10 Highway. The event is free. The public is invited. State champions at the finals will receive the Saddlejack Bradrick Award, the coveted Governor's Buckle, discounts and gift certificates from leading western wear stores, and two tickets to the Symphony in the Flint Hills. In addition, the state winners will have their entry fees paid to compete in the National Cowboy Poetry Rodeo.

For more information or to enter the last regional contest, go to www.cowboypoeetrycontest.com.

State contest committee members include: Abby Amick of Alma; Tracy Henry, Wabaunsee County Economic Development director; Jeff Davidson, president, Kansas Chapter of Western Music Association from Greenwood County; Brad Hamilton, western entertainer from Hoyt; Geff Dawson, two-time national cowboy poetry rodeo champion and entertainer from the Alma area, and Trey Allen, winner of the 2011 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest from the Junction City area.

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Queen and Princess candidates will be judged on horsemanship, modeling, interview, speech, most photogenic, and a written test. Contest will be held August 13th and 14th. To sign up or receive additional information, please contact Melissa Richard (316) 833-0533; Mica Coulter (620) 583-0328; Shay Zimmerman (620) 583-9939; or Shelby Valentine (316) 452-1051.

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The workshop will feature some of the most knowledgeable experts in the field of agroforestry, which endeavors to integrate trees and shrubs into agricultural systems while simultaneously maximizing conservation and economic benefits. The goal is to increase the overall value of your farming operation.

Catering to farmers, ranchers, landowners and natural resource professionals, the workshop will teach science-based design, function, and benefits of silvopasture, alley cropping, windbreaks, riparian buffers and forest farming.

Sponsored by the Kansas Farmers Union, Kansas Forest Service and a host of other partners, the workshop will also include experts from the University of Missouri's Center for Agroforestry.

Gene Garrett, editor and

co-author of "North American Agroforestry, An Integrated Science and Practice," will provide an overview of agroforestry and lead a session on alley cropping, which places high-value tree rows of black walnut in wide spacings while wheat, corn, soybeans or hay are grown between the rows. Alley cropping potentially creates long-term high-value lumber or veneer products while providing annual income from the crops planted in the alleyways.

Foresters sometimes only see livestock as being damaging to trees. However, silvopasture practices enable ranchers to grow high-value trees while producing annual forage crops and providing grazing opportunities. Dusty Walter and Carol Williams, University of Missouri experts on the subject, will outline the steps necessary to develop silvopasture systems.

Other featured speakers include Shibu Jose, director of the Center for Agroforestry at the University of Missouri, and recent recipient of the Scientific Achievement Award from

the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). Jose will lead panel discussions alongside several other nationally recognized experts.

Rich Straight, National Agroforestry Center, will teach the mechanics and functions of windbreaks and shelterbelts, which are expected to become more prevalent in farming operations as drought continues, and reductions in irrigation increase interest in dryland farming. Research will also be shared regarding the crop yield benefits shelterbelts provide and the new Great Plains Windbreak Crop Yield Study that is based on yield monitor data from combines.

Cover crops, economics of agroforestry, forest buffers, and specialty crops such as pecans and shiitake mushrooms, are additional subjects participants can expect to learn about during the workshop.

The registration fee for the workshop is \$70 per person, which includes refreshments, lunch and social on the May 20, and breakfast and lunch on May 21. Checks

may be made payable to the Kansas Farmers Union and mailed to Mary Howell, 1723 Wildcat Road, Frankfort, KS 66427-8618. Howell may also be reached by phone at 785-562-8726 or e-mail at kfu.mary@gmail.com.

The Ramada Downtown Hotel is the site of the two-day indoor event. A special room rate of \$74 has been arranged for the meeting. Call 785-234-5400 to make reservations, and ask for the Kansas Agroforestry Workshop block of rooms. The Ramada is located at 420 SE 6th Ave. A workshop brochure is also available online at www.kansasforests.org. Just click on "News and Events."

The Agroforestry Workshop is one of several educational workshops made possible through the Kansas Farmers Union's Amazing Grazing III grant. Other partners included in the grant are the Kansas Grazers Association, with funding from the North Central Risk Management Education Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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2015 Forrest Bassford Student Award down to final four

Four agricultural journalism students, two from Kansas State University, will move on to the next level in the 2015 Forrest Bassford Student Award competition at Ag Media Summit in Scottsdale, Ariz., July 25-29.

The Livestock Publication Council (LPC) recently announced the four finalists that will be rewarded for their talent with the 2015 Forrest Bassford Student Travel Award. The award, sponsored by Alltech, supports the journalists' travel fees and participation at the Livestock Publication Council annual convention and Ag Media Summit, where they will have the chance to interact with more than 500 livestock publication personnel, attend agri-journalism workshops and seminars, and compete for the 2015 Forrest Bassford Student Award.

"The Forrest Bassford Student Award is designed to help some of the top prospects in the livestock publications industry to grow in their success," said LPC Student Award Committee Chairperson Scarlett Hagins. "We hope this opportunity will aid these four students in finding a path to their bright futures in agri-

cultural journalism."

The four successful applicants are:

Kendall Herren, Urbana, Illinois: Herren will be a senior at the University of Illinois this fall and is majoring in agricultural communications.

Kaitlin Morgan, Manhattan, Kansas: A senior at Kansas State University, Morgan is majoring in animal sciences and industry/agricultural communications and journalism.

Jamie Keyes, Logan, Utah: Keyes is pursuing a degree in agricultural communication and journalism at Utah State University where she will be enrolled as a senior this fall.

Nicole Lane, Manhattan: Lane will be a senior at Kansas State University for the fall semester and is majoring in agricultural communications and journalism.

During the Ag Media Summit, the travel award

winners will go through an interview and portfolio review. The Forrest Bassford Student Award winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship while the other three candidates will each receive \$750 travel scholarships to attend the convention.

2015 marks the 30th year for the Student Award Program. Forrest Bassford's name was appended to the LPC Student Award in 1992 in honor of his contribution to LPC, and his particular interest in furthering the Student Award. Alltech has co-sponsored the award since 2012.

"We need strong, vibrant journalists investigating and sharing agriculture's greatest stories. We are proud to encourage and support these talented young messengers from across the United States as they further their studies in agricultural journalism," said Ann Hess, North America field PR manager for Alltech.

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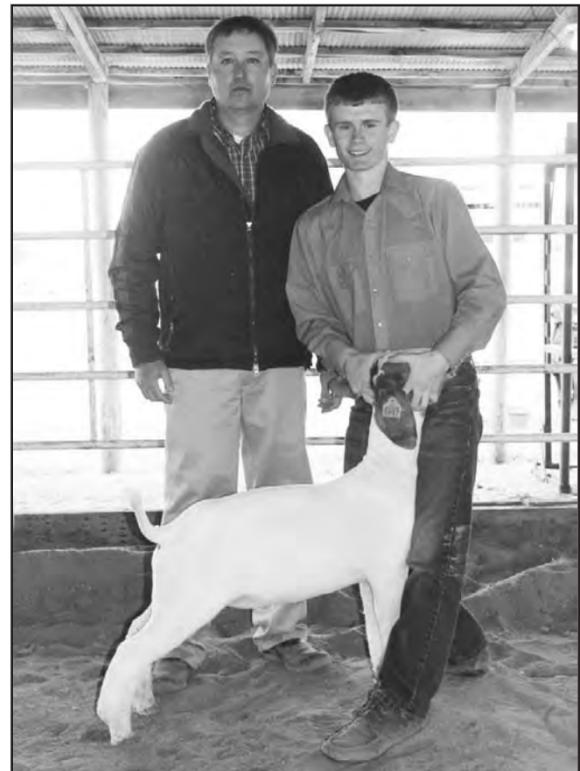
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Wheat progressing rapidly as planting of fall crops proceeds

For the week ending May 10, 2015, precipitation was received statewide, with average rainfall near one inch, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Some areas received up to three inches of rain. Temperatures averaged six to eight degrees above normal in the east, but were near normal in the west. Activities included planting of spring crops and moving cattle to summer pasture. There were 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 5 percent very short, 19 short, 67 adequate, and 9 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 14 percent very short, 30 short, 54 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 11 percent very poor, 20 poor, 42 fair, 25 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was at 96 percent, ahead of 90 last year and the five-year average of 91. Headed was 70 percent, well ahead of 42 last year,

and 46 average.

Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 39 fair, 52 good, and 4 excellent. Corn planted was at 66 percent, near 69 last year and 65 average. Emerged was 38 percent, ahead of 33 last year and 31 average.

Soybeans planted was at 11 percent, near 14 last year, but behind 16 average. Emerged was 2 percent, near 1 last year and 3 average.

Sorghum planted was 2 percent, near 3 last year and 4 average.

Cotton planted was at 5 percent, behind 11 last year, but near 8 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Conditions: Pasture and range condition rated 6 very poor, 11 poor, 38 fair, 38 good, and 7 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 20 short, 70 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Kansas State University to host regional entomology meeting

Nearly 300 entomologists from 14 states and three Canadian provinces are coming to Manhattan in early June for the annual meeting of the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America.

Kansas State University will host the meeting May 31-June 3 at the Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center. The university has previously hosted the event in Kansas City, but this is the first time it has been in Manhattan.

"We have the conference center, the Discovery Center, and downtown is booming," said David Margolies, local arrangements chair and professor of entomology at Kansas State University. "There's so much good stuff going on down there and I really wanted to showcase Manhattan."

Margolies noted participants also will see the city's penchant for great science. The upcoming construction of the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility and the Center for Grain and Animal Health Research has positive implications for entomologists.

The conference program, he said, is packed with more than three days of breakouts, including 11 symposiums that highlight basic and applied work with livestock, farm crops, genomics, stored product pests, vector diseases and more.

"The science presentations run the gamut from very basic to the applied as well as the research and teaching side of entomology," Margolies said. "In the past, the program has been more limited; we are expanding to reach people with many interests."

Groups will also have an opportunity to visit the Konza Prairie Biological Station and the Kansas State University Insect Zoo, and compete in an insect-related contest.

"The student contribution to the meeting is also very important, and we encourage that," said Margolies, noting that nearly

one-third of the participants are graduate or undergraduate students who can attend events and workshops specific to their interests.

The meeting is open to all. For more information or to register for the meeting, visit www.entsoc.org/north-central/2015-north-central-branch-meeting.

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American AgCredit renewed as preferred lender with USDA Farm Service Agency

American AgCredit, the nation's seventh largest agricultural credit association, will continue as a Preferred Lender with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) for the next five years, as announced by FSA state executive director Val Dolcini. The Association's subsidiaries, Federal Land Credit Association (FLCA) and Production Credit Association (PCA) have been certified to continue as FSA Preferred Lenders.

"Agricultural credit providers seek this preferred lender status because it shows they are highly experienced and fully committed to assisting family-size farmers in applying for our guaranteed loans," said Dolcini. "Renewal of this five-year agreement is a compliment for this California-based ag lender and a good signal that farmers and ranchers (in American AgCredit's lending territory) will continue to have a range of credit options to finance their operations and acquire land."

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Dryland Wheat Tour planned June 5 at Tribune

The Kansas State University Southwest Research-Extension Center will host its 2015 Tribune Dryland Wheat Tour on Friday, June 5 at the university's Tribune Unit, 1474 State Highway 96 (one mile west of Tribune).

K-State Research and Extension specialists will give updates on the latest research linked to dryland wheat varieties, as well as disease and insect management.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. central time, with the tour and presentations starting at 8:45 a.m.

More information is available by calling 620-376-4761.

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Start running fans in grain bins

Raise the temperature and run fans in grain bins now to avoid condensation and mold.

Keep your stored grain in condition by increasing the temperature inside the bin to the outside monthly average temperature in May, says University of Missouri Extension entomologist Wayne Bailey.

Grain usually is stored at 60 degrees or cooler during winter. When outside temperatures rise in the spring, condensation can form on walls inside the bin. Moisture from condensation causes mold and attracts in-

sects.

Monitor stored grains for pests. Increase visual checks to twice a month from May to October from the roof access door. Grain stored over the winter is usually checked only monthly from November to April.

Clumped grain and a sour smell indicate moisture and out-of-condition grain. Webbing on the grain's surface signals the presence of insect larvae, adult beetles or moths.

The grain's surface and central core are most at risk of infestation. Bailey advises

against breaking the grain surface. Breaks disturb the protective cap of insecticide applied in the fall and create an opening for insects.

Bailey also recommends monitoring the interior of the grain mass. Check insect types and numbers by using the side access panel to insert plastic tube traps, probe traps and sticky pheromone traps.

If traps are unavailable, use a grain probe to look at and gather grain. Use deep probes to collect grain from several locations in the bin. Collect a quart of grain in a

glass jar, plastic bag or other clear container that allows you to look at the grain.

Place the containers in a warm area to warm the grain to at least 60 degrees or higher to stimulate insect activity. Bailey says there are no reliable thresholds for most insects found in stored grains, but grain should be used or treated quickly before insect activity diminishes quality.

For more information, go to <http://agebb.missouri.edu/storage/pests/insect.php>

Spray a fungus and resent a virus

By Josh Coltrain, Crop Production Agent, Wildcat Extension District

There's an old wives' tale that goes "feed a cold and starve a fever." As far as wheat diseases go, the saying should be more like "spray a fungus and resent a virus" (not quite the same ring to it I admit). In scouting this year's wheat crop, I have not witnessed much disease pressure in our area. That being said, now, or earlier depending on the growth stage of your wheat, is the time to be looking for diseases and differentiating between their causal agents (virus versus fungus).

The two most worrisome diseases are probably leaf and stripe rust. Both are caused by fungi, so fungicidal sprays can limit the damage caused by them. They are quite different in identification. Leaf rust causes small orangish-brown lesions that appear rusty (thus the not so creative name) and are sometimes called

orange rust. Stripe rust causes small yellow lesions that are arranged in stripes. Both pathogens need living tissue to survive and it is rare for them to overwinter in Kansas. In most years for outbreaks to occur, the spores must be blown up from Texas and Oklahoma.

It is recommended to pay attention to disease reports from the south to make spray decisions. This year, there have been reports of some isolated cases of stripe rust around the state of Oklahoma, but it does not appear thriving at this point. However, with recent moisture, conditions that favor the fungi can occur quickly.

Septoria blotch and tan spot are two additional fungal diseases which are very common in our area. Septoria appears as elongated tan lesions with tiny black specks within the lesion. The specks are actually the spore producing bodies of the fungus called pycnidia. Tan spot appears as tan lesions (that creativity again) with a yellow margin. Like the rust species, for septoria and tan spot to cause a significant amount of loss, they must infect the flag leaf. The fungi are usually found near the base of the plant. However, rainfall as it lands and splashes carry the spores upward. Our recent stretch of wet weather could greatly increase the amount of these two species found in the upper plant.

Since they are fungi, spraying with fungicides is an effective control measure for both species. Barley yellow dwarf (BYD) and wheat streak mosaic (WSM)

are two viral diseases that keep an eye out for. BYD causes leaves to have a yellow to red discoloration, often more pronounced near the tip of infected leaves. WSM causes infected leaves to have a bright yellow discoloration which, under closer inspection, reveals the mosaic pattern. Both BYD and WSM cannot infect plants without a vector, which is some other organism carrying the pathogen from infected plants.

The vector for BYD is actually one of a few species of aphids. These can include bird-cherry-oat aphid and English grain aphid, both of which are quite active in fields in our area at this time. However, it is when infection occurs in the fall that the most losses can

occur. WSM is vectored by the wheat curl mite, an incredibly tiny pest. Like BYD, the most significant losses occur when the infection takes place in the fall. Unfortunately, since these are viral diseases, there are no chemical sprays to limit their damage. Best management practices would include controlling volunteer wheat and genetic resistance.

Producers should be scouting their wheat fields for these potential pests and remember to "spray a fungus and resent a virus." If you have questions or would like more information, please call me at the office (620) 724-8233, or e-mail me at jcoltrain@ksu.edu, or visit the Wildcat Extension District website at www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu.

Riley County wheat tour slated for May 28

A tour of the Riley County Extension wheat variety plot will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28 at the plot site located 4 miles east of Riley to the Hwy. 77 & 24 junction, then 2½ miles southeast on Hwy 24 and 5/8 mile south on West 76th Avenue. The address is 5490 W. 76th Avenue, Manhattan. Vinton and Justin Visser are the co-operators.

Varieties represented in the plot include: Fuller, Winterhawk, WB-Cedar, 1863, Everest, Armour, WB-Redhawk, WB-4458, and WB-Grainfield. Stu Duncan, K-State Research and Extension Northeast Area Crops specialist, will discuss the varieties.

A free supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., courtesy of Farmway Co-op and the Kansas Wheat Alliance. The plot tour will be held immediately after supper, at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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Osborne Industries, Inc. to present at VIV Russia International Summit

Osborne Industries, Inc., a leading manufacturer and supplier of advanced pig production equipment, is pleased to announce that company representatives presented at the VIV Russia International Summit, preceding the VIV Russia tradeshow in Moscow, Russia, on May 18, 2015. The conference focused on maximizing per-

formance with modern technology in Russia's pig and poultry production sectors. Osborne's presentation highlighted technology used in pig production.

Entitled, "Providing the ideal microclimate to maximize production in Russian pork facilities," Osborne's presentation focused on North American ventilation technology and

design, namely Osborne's unique "top-down" negative pressure ventilation design. Ventilation expert Timothy Fort, of Macallan Ag Services, represented Osborne during the Summit and discussed the superiority of Osborne's ventilation designs over other methods.

The VIV Russia International Summit is a busi-

ness outlook conference and series of Russian-language technical seminars, and took place at the Hotel Lotte in Moscow. In addition to sessions specifically for pig or poultry professionals, there will be multiple-species discussions on health and nutrition, climate control and IT used in meat processing.

Section 18 emergency exemption granted for Transform® WG to control sugarcane aphids in Kansas

The Kansas Department of Agriculture has received notification of approval for a Section 18 exemption for Transform® WG Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 62719-625. This exemption will expire Nov. 30, 2015.

The exemption was sought by Kansas sorghum farmers in cooperation with KDA to combat the invasive sugarcane aphid which was discovered in Sumner and Sedgwick counties during the 2014 growing season. The discovery was made late in the season, reducing the potential economic impact of this devastating pest. It is estimated that infestation could have had a 78 percent yield loss, resulting in an economic impact of \$237 million for 17 southern counties. Entomologists at Kansas State are predicting significant presence of this pest during the 2015 growing season.

"This exemption is good for Kansas growers," said Gary Meyer, manager for the Pesticide and Fertilizer program. "It provides an affordable and effective control mechanism for this invasive and potentially economically devastating pest."

While applying for exemption to the Environmental Protection Agency, many trade groups including the Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, United Sorghum Checkoff Program, National Sorghum Producers and K-

State Research and Extension offered letters of support for the exemption.

Tim Lust, National Sorghum Producers CEO, said in his letter of support, "Kansas is the largest producer of sorghum in the U.S. and regularly produces more than one-half of the U.S. sorghum crop valued at approximately \$800 million annually."

The sugarcane aphid has been observed in 12 states across the U.S. including Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey noted that achieving the exemption was important for the health of the sorghum industry. "It is the priority of the Kansas Department of Agriculture to work to support and advocate on behalf of Kansas farm and ranch businesses. Working to obtain this EPA exemption is vital to supporting this mission and helps to grow and sustain the agriculture industry, the largest economic driver in Kansas."

For more information about the use of Transform® WG Insecticide and restrictions included for using this product, please contact the KDA Pesticide and Fertilizer program at <https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/pesticide-fertilizer> or (785) 564-6688.

Chairmen Conaway and Aderholt commend Congresswoman Hartzler for dietary guidelines letter

Recently, Vickie Hartzler (R-Mo.) along with 70 members of Congress, including House Agriculture Committee Chairman K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) and House Appropriations Agriculture Subcommittee Chairman Robert Aderholt (R-Ala.), sent a letter to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Burwell and Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack expressing concerns with the report issued by the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) and certain recommendations for the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA).

In the letter, members raised concerns that the DGAC report exceeds the scope of its charge by straying from purely nutritional issues and venturing into areas like sustainability and tax policy. At a time when consumers are already subjected to conflicting and often contradictory nutrition and health infor-

mation, providing the public with science-based, realistic and achievable information is more likely to contribute to improved public health outcomes, the letter states.

Upon signing the letter Conaway said, "The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee significantly overstepped its bounds when it strayed from science-based nutritional recommendations and singled out certain industries. These unsubstantiated, pre-determined conclusions will have far-reaching effects, not just for industry, but for the American public. Again, I urge the Secretaries to commit to a process to fully review and consider the public comments before publishing new dietary guidelines, and I applaud Congresswoman Hartzler for leading this effort to ensure the public is not misled by these recommendations."

Aderholt said, "When our Subcommittee conduct-

ed oversight hearings over the past few months, I raised my concerns with Secretary Vilsack and Commissioner Hamburg about unnecessary political influences in this process. Both of these individuals made commitments on behalf of USDA and FDA, respectively, to stay within the statutory requirements and to make nutrition recommendations after reviewing the science. We expect the agencies to deliver on their commitment to look at all current science and use a fair and balanced approach as they formulate the final dietary guidelines."

Hartzler said, "The notion that the recommendations in this report were made based on selected data and excluded valuable nutritional information is appalling. As someone who taught nutritional science for 11 years, I am disturbed by the suggestion that a quality source of protein like red meat shouldn't be a

part of a healthy diet. Flagrant claims like that are cause for concern and call into question the validity of this report. I urge and hope the agencies charged with finalizing the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans will stay within the confines of their charter and base the final recommendations on the most current, irrefutable nutritional science."

Earlier this month, the House Agriculture Committee expressed grave concerns with the DGAC's recommendations calling on them to extend the time-frame for comments and commit to a process to fully consider those comments. The comment period was recently extended through May 8, 2015, and stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments.

Kansas no longer leads nation in wheat production

(AP) - A new government ranking shows Kansas no longer leads the nation in wheat production after the drought-plagued 2014 crop.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported that the state has dropped to second behind North Dakota in wheat production. Kansas farmers brought in just 246.4 million bushels of wheat during last year's drought. The state grew 12.2 percent of the nation's wheat that year.

The only farm commodity where Kansas still ranks first in production is sorghum for grain. The state grew 199.8 million bushels of sorghum last year, accounting for more than 46 percent of the nation's crop.

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Ag committee chairman rejects generic label option

Recently House Agriculture Committee Chairman K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) rejected the latest recommendation to establish a generic mandatory label option, an option typically referred to as a "Product of North America" label, should the U.S. lose its World Trade Organization (WTO) appeal regarding country of origin labeling (COOL) in the coming weeks.

Earlier, the Department of Agriculture released two reports regarding country of origin labeling. One report acknowledges no measurable consumer benefits, but does in fact cite significant costs associated with this label mandate, and the other outlines options to comply with previous WTO decisions, which rejected the U.S. law as being trade distorting. In the report con-

cerning compliance options, USDA acknowledged if the U.S. loses its latest WTO appeal, we will have no choice but to repeal the law or amend it by establishing a generic mandatory label for meat. No other options are offered.

"The call for a new generic mandatory meat label identifying meat as a product of North America does nothing to help producers, provides no useful information to consumers, and worse, it does nothing to mitigate the threat of retaliation since the idea has already been rejected by our trading partners," Conaway said. "If the governments of Canada and Mexico do not accept this option, retaliation would continue. Our trading partners have already said this option is unacceptable, so it

is perplexing that USDA would ignore basic facts and put forward an approach that would only serve to exacerbate the current situation. It is apparent that the Department is void of a workable, trade-compliant solution and producers, consumers and targeted industries deserve a straightforward response stating as much. In order to avoid what could be devastating retaliatory sanctions against U.S. businesses if we lose, the starting point needs to be that mandatory COOL for meat is a failed experiment which should be repealed. The House Agriculture Committee is prepared to lead on this issue. Our goal, which is shared by industry and consumers alike, is to provide stability, not to create uncertainty."

Under a generic North American label mandate, if

an animal is born, raised and slaughtered in Mexico, Canada, or the United States, or any combination thereof, the meat derived from that animal would be labeled as being a product of North America. This idea has been floated and rejected by proponents and opponents of mandatory COOL. Ironically, this is the one aspect of the debate over COOL that both sides agree. Furthermore, since any action taken by the U.S. to come into compliance would have to be agreed to by Canada and Mexico, previous statements by the Canadian government rejecting a generic North American label mandate should have been factored into USDA's legislative recommendations. The WTO is expected to issue its ruling on the latest U.S. - COOL dispute no later than May 18, 2015.

Secretary of Homeland Security to deliver Landon Lecture

(AP) - The secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson, will deliver a Landon Lecture on May 27 at Kansas State University.

Before becoming the fourth secretary of homeland security, Johnson was general counsel of the Department of Defense. He also has extensive service in national security, law enforcement and as a private attorney.

Kansas State spokesman Jackie Hartman noted in a news release that Johnson is visiting Manhattan as it prepares for construction of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility to begin next to the Kansas State campus this summer. The animal disease research laboratory will be part of the Department of Homeland Security.

Kansas Farm Bureau unites farmers and foodies at Zest and Zing event

More than 100 foodies and farmers attended "Zest and Zing" April 30 at Abode Venue in Wichita. This event offered foodies the opportunity to meet the farmers who grow their food while watching a heated chef vs. chef competition.

"Kansas Farm Bureau recognizes the need for consumers to know more about the practices farmers utilize to grow their food," Kansas Farm Bureau's communications specialist Sheridan Wimmer says. "Zest and Zing is a great way to not only inform our urban friends about agriculture, but also to excite them about food."

The event featured two local chefs, Patrick Shibley of Doo-Dah Diner and Paul Freimuth of Harvest at the Hyatt Regency. The two chefs battled over dishes incorporating secret ingredients and minimal cooking supplies.

The first round featured a flat iron steak with secret ingredients chocolate, sundried tomatoes and pineapple. While the chefs were cooking, Tiya Tonn-Oppold, a Butler County Farm Bureau member, spoke to attendees about her beef operation.

"Folks really love putting a name and a face to the products they purchase at grocery stores," Wimmer says. "Providing that connection builds trust."

The second dish featured wheat germ with secret ingredients jalapenos and Vienna sausage. While the chefs prepared their dishes for the panel of three judges, Sedgwick County Farm Bureau members Heidi and Byron Wells used the opportunity to visit with the crowd about their wheat farm.

"By using fun ingredients, we were able to keep the competition interesting and fun," Wimmer says. "People were a little thrown by the Vienna sausages, but that's the fun in having secret ingredients."

Shibley was declared the winner by judges Denise Neil from the *Wichita Eagle*, Stacy Mayo, director of From the Land of Kansas and an audience member, selected by emcees Alli Winter, TV personality and chef; and Katie Sawyer, a McPherson County Farm Bureau member.

Another feature of the event included an opportunity for vendors to connect to local Wichita consumers.

Zest and Zing was sponsored by Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Soybean Commission, United Soybean Board, Sedgwick County Farm Bureau and the Agri-Business Council of Wichita.

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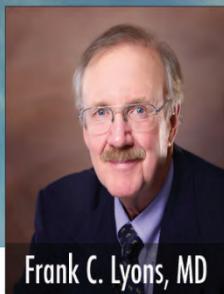
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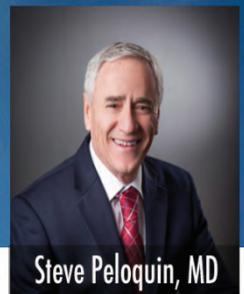
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Last week's supply and demand numbers weren't too exciting. Often the first look at the new crop supply and demand estimates holds some market moving information, but that wasn't really the case this time. The closest thing to a surprise was the new crop soybean ending stocks estimate, which came in above the average trade guess at 500 million bushels. That was still well within the range of guesses and for the most part traders were expecting something bearish and that is what we got.

As for the corn and wheat, the corn ending stocks estimates for both the old and new crops were very close to expectations at 1.851 billion and 1.746 billion respectively. We have plenty of corn on hand and should have for the next year. This of course is predicated upon the fact that USDA is using a yield estimate that is the second highest ever at 166.8 bu/ac, and about 16 bu/ac above the 5-year average. We really can't handle an average yield without a major reduction in usage, so, as usual,

summer weather will be critical.

U.S. wheat ending stocks will continue to rise, according to USDA, unless we see better demand. The weakening U.S. dollar may help our demand, but we are still dealing with plenty of wheat around the world. World wheat demand is expected to climb to yet another record high, but it still isn't as high as world production, which means wheat prices in the U.S. will continue to struggle. U.S. wheat price is influenced heavily by exports and when there is

plenty of wheat around the world it is hard for us to be competitive in the market when the dollar is on the rise.

As far as the charts go, the recent gains in the wheat market have given the market a bullish look. The July KW has made two consecutive closes above the 50-day moving average, which could encourage a bit more short covering next week. The bulls will need a close above \$5.50 Monday or Tuesday to keep the momentum moving up.

The corn market acts like it is trying to bottom, but it takes more than one positive day in a row to get traders excited about buying. There isn't much fresh news to go on, so it will take a weather scare to really make the market move. Prolonged weakness in the dollar would also be a help.

The soybean chart just looks bearish. The last thing

to grasp at is that the July beans haven't taken out the April low, yet. It looks like we will see that happen early next week barring some kind of surprise news. The cattle had a decent week with the June live cattle contract trading at the highest level since January 8th. May feeder cattle have been on a relentless march higher and the choice boxed beef made a new all-time high this week, so it is hard to find anything to complain about. USDA did increase the estimated beef production for the rest of the year, so that is a bit of a negative factor, but there is no guarantee that the cattle numbers will actually be there to produce that beef. The trends are up, so respect that.

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Soy growers to Chipotle: misinformation is not a marketing strategy

The American Soybean Association (ASA) issued a statement recently in response to Chipotle's announcement that the fast-food chain would remove all foods containing genetically modified ingredients, including the soybean oil used in cooking, from its menu. ASA president Wade Cowan, a farmer from Brownfield, Texas, noted farmers' continuing frustration with the misinformation about agricultural biotechnology advanced by Chipotle.

"Farmers are no strangers to the heated discussion of GMOs and biotechnology. We recognize that there are passionate viewpoints on both sides, and we respectfully disagree with those who choose to dispute the scientific consensus on the safety of these agricultural innovations. What is different about Chipotle's announcement this week is that it smacks of a willful subversion of science, all in the name of selling burritos.

"Chipotle contends that more study is needed on GMOs, even though they are among the most studied and tested food products in the world, and have been since their introduction almost 20 years ago—all without a single incidence of harm to humans, plants or animals. Think about that for a minute: a planet's worth of meals over two decades means literally trillions of servings without one adverse occurrence. Chipotle, however, bypasses the overwhelming

scientific consensus and places long-debunked safety concerns first and foremost in its new effort. For this, the restaurant has been taken to task by viewpoints ranging from the Center for Science in the Public Interest to media outlets like National Public Radio and the Washington Post—voices that certainly couldn't be mistaken as 'shills' for big agriculture.

"We might suggest a better approach: abandon the scare tactics and join us in

our effort to provide clarity to this conversation. Soybean farmers are ready and willing to come to the table and help consumers find out more about what we do and why we use these products. Just like soybean farmers, Chipotle and indeed all links in the farm-to-fork supply chain have a huge opportunity to help Americans discover more about their food. This comes, however, with the responsibility to do so in an ethical and honest manner."

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STEERS AND BULL CALVES — 350-525 LBS			
Neosho Rapids	3 blk	360@325.00	
Beattie	4 blk	452@313.00	
Wamego	5 blk	459@297.00	
Alta Vista	3 blk	476@296.00	
BULLS & FEEDER STEERS — 550-850 LBS.			
Frankfort	12 blk	605@264.25	
Frankfort	8 blk	620@264.25	
Enterprise	3 blk	593@258.00	
Manhattan	3 blk	576@258.00	
Neosho Rapids	3 blk	580@249.00	
Enterprise	17 blk	671@242.50	
Frankfort	36 blk	737@233.00	
Frankfort	18 blk/bwf	742@233.00	
Frankfort	6 blk	835@216.50	
Assaria	25 holstein	778@180.00	
Assaria	4 holstein	686@175.00	
HEIFER CALVES — 300-550 LBS.			
McLouth	4 blk	376@294.00	
Alta Vista	6 blk	416@283.00	
Beattie	3 xbred	335@281.00	
Axtell	3 blk	301@278.00	
Onaga	6 blk	423@274.00	
Neosho Rapids	3 blk	301@271.00	
Axtell	3 blk	431@261.00	
Wamego	6 mix	435@257.00	
Neosho Rapids	3 blk	456@249.50	
Onaga	4 xbred	532@246.00	
Manhattan	3 blk	538@242.00	
Frankfort	4 bwf	547@240.00	
FEEDER HEIFERS — 550-875 LBS			
Frankfort	8 bwf	590@230.50	
Council Grove	10 xbred	595@227.00	
Frankfort	5 herford	646@220.00	
Council Grove	4 blk	871@179.50	
COWS & HEIFERETTES — 800-1,875 LBS			
Hiawatha	1 blk	825@181.00	
Manhattan	1 xbred	805@165.00	
Hiawatha	1 blk	830@157.00	
Blaine	1 blk	1005@155.00	
Lawrence	1 blk	1160@155.00	
Clay Center	4 xbred	863@153.00	
Clay Center	4 blk	1030@147.00	
Burlingame	1 blk	1170@145.00	
Onaga	3 blk	1215@142.50	
Solomon	1 bwf	1035@142.00	
Wheaton	1 blk	1225@142.00	
Sabetha	2 blk	892@141.00	
Manhattan	1 xbred	920@130.00	
Olsburg	1 xbred	1140@129.00	
Clay Center	1 char	930@126.00	
Clay Center	1 blk	785@126.00	
Olsburg	1 xbred	980@125.00	
Hiawatha	1 blk	1110@123.00	
Clay Center	6 blk	1047@119.00	
Emporia	1 blk	1365@118.50	
Emporia	1 blk	910@117.00	
Lawrence	1 blk	1180@117.00	
Manhattan	1 blk	1180@116.50	
Leavenworth	1 xbred	1070@116.00	
Alma	1 bwf	1175@114.50	
Westmoreland	1 blk	995@114.00	
Alma	1 blk	1380@113.00	
Wamego	1 blk	1135@113.00	
Wamego	1 blk	1325@113.00	
Council Grove	1 blk	1855@113.00	
Waterville	1 blk	1240@113.00	
Alma	1 blk	1205@112.50	
Council Grove	1 blk	1135@112.50	
Council Grove	1 blk	1610@112.00	
Sabetha	1 blk	1015@112.00	
Council Grove	1 blk	1410@111.50	
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Manhattan	1 blk	1615@111.00	
Manhattan	1 blk	1490@111.00	
Alta Vista	1 bwf	1520@111.00	
White City	1 xbred	1210@110.50	
Blaine	1 blk	1240@110.50	
Wamego	1 blk	1300@110.50	
Leonardville	1 blk	1445@110.00	
Wamego	1 blk	1255@109.50	
White City	1 xbred	1560@109.00	
Wamego	1 blk	1185@109.00	
Council Grove	1 blk	1435@109.00	
Alta Vista	1 bwf	1605@109.00	
Randolph	1 blk	1195@108.00	
White City	1 xbred	1350@107.50	
Waterville	1 blk	1295@107.00	
Wamego	1 blk	1455@107.00	
Alma	1 blk	1140@106.50	
Soldier	1 xbred	1310@106.00	
Alta Vista	1 blk	1425@106.00	
Onaga	1 blk	1240@106.00	
Waterville	1 blk	1340@103.50	
Waterville	1 blk	1120@103.00	
BULLS — 1,075-2,450 LBS.			
Enterprise	1 blk	2140@146.50	
Beattie	1 blk	1790@144.00	
Wamego	1 blk	1675@143.50	
Manhattan	3 mix	1090@143.00	
Topeka	1 char	1930@137.00	
Emporia	1 blk	2345@135.00	
Centralia	1 herf	2430@126.00	
COW/CALF PAIRS			
		Age	
Enterprise	1 blk	5	\$2,900.00
Riley	7 blk	2	\$2,800.00
Junction City	1 herford	4	\$2,700.00
Wamego	2 blk	3	\$2,625.00
Riley	3 xbred	3	\$2,600.00
Marion	1 blk	00	\$2,300.00
Solomon	1 blk	2	\$2,300.00
Frankfort	1 bwf	SS	\$2,275.00
Frankfort	1 herford	4	\$2,200.00
Marion	1 blk	00	\$2,150.00
Beattie	1 blk	00	\$2,100.00
Junction City	3 herford	BM	\$2,075.00
Junction City	4 herford	00	\$2,025.00
Wamego	2 xbred	00/BM	\$1,925.00
Marion	2 xbred	00	\$1,900.00
Frankfort	1 herford	4	\$2,250.00
Wamego	2 blk	7 yr & SS	\$2,200.00

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 6 Angus cows, 5-8 yrs old, bred Angus, 2nd stages

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FRIDAY, MAY 29TH:
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Kansas wheat crop forecast at 272 million bushels

(AP) - The size of the winter wheat crop in Kansas was forecast at 272 million bushels, a low estimate that comes amid a global surplus that has already driven down prices.

The estimate released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service for winter wheat production in Kansas is 10 percent higher than last year's crop, but is somewhat less optimistic than the 288.5 million bushels forecast by participants during the three-day winter wheat tour across the state.

The agency's estimate surprised Aaron Harries, marketing director at the industry group Kansas Wheat. But he was quick to point out the Department of Agriculture data used to compile the first production forecast of the season was collected before recent heavy rains throughout Kansas.

"People on the tour saw the impact of the rain, saw that fields were muddy, saw the weather forecast and

took that into account when they did their estimate - and USDA didn't necessarily have that benefit," Harries said.

He said he expects the updated production forecast in next month's report to be higher.

Both the estimates compiled by the government and wheat tour participants are more than the 246.4 million bushels cut last year in Kansas amid the drought. But neither forecast comes close to the 328 million bushels the state has averaged during wheat harvests in the past decade.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service also is forecasting the average Kansas yield this year will be 32 bushels an acre, harvested from 8.5 million acres.

Kansas still is expected to lead the nation this year in winter wheat production. Texas is anticipated to come in second with 131.2 million bushels, compared to the 67.5 million bushels the state harvested last year.

Oklahoma is expected to

be third in winter wheat production with 118.9 million bushels, more than double the 47.6 million bushels farmers there cut a year ago.

"It certainly doesn't help the fact that Oklahoma and Texas are looking at good crops - which we are happy for them - but that also is going to have an impact on price," Harries said.

The government estimated this year's overall U.S. winter wheat crop will top 1.47 billion bushels, an increase of 7 percent compared to last year. The average yield nationwide is expected to be 43.5 bushels per acre, from more than 33 million harvested acres.

The larger anticipated U.S. winter wheat crop is "not going to help" boost low wheat prices, Harries said.

Wheat prices are being driven down by a global surplus of wheat and anticipated good harvests in wheat-producing countries, he said.

"So we are just in one of those situations where the Kansas number again is not going to make much of a difference on price," Harries said. "It didn't last year, when we had the smallest wheat crop in 30 years."

Wheat prices have been ranging between \$5 and \$6 a bushel this year. The breakeven price for farmers ranges from \$5 to \$7 a bushel, depending on the region and how much farmers spend to grow the crop. In 2007, a year marked by crop disasters around the world, wheat was selling for between \$11 and \$13 a bushel, Harries said.

Kansas grows mostly hard red winter wheat, a type typically used to make bread. The Agriculture Department estimated the nation's hard red winter wheat production this year at 853 million bushels, up 16 percent from a year ago.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;
I applaud Glenn Brunkow for seeking to be an environmentalist as explained in his May 5, 2015 "Dust On The Dashboard." However, his logic and his facts are muddy. Using no till techniques, cover crops, and buffer strips are truly environmentally friendly techniques. But they have been around a lot longer than Roundup Ready® triple-stack GMO corn seed. Those techniques, not the seed, I suspect are the reasons organic matter is increasing and inputs and compaction are decreasing in his fields. Environmentalism doesn't depend upon use of such seed, but does depend upon the use of such techniques. What Mr. Brunkow does in his article is done a lot by writers who are pandering

to their audience - it is called the straw man technique. The writer erects a "straw man" his audience will delight in hating - in this case, the tree-hugging, shaggy-haired, sandal-wearing environmentalist. Then the writer puts a lot of words in the straw man's mouth - in this case, a lot of "disagreement" that farmers who use GMO seed are environmentalists. Then the writer proceeds to knock down the straw man's "flimsy" thinking - in this case, pointing to the improvement in his fields due to the techniques, and attributing it instead to his special seed. What he is doing is mixing and confusing the issues. In my opinion everyone should use these techniques, as I do in the tillable portion of my 2000

acres. I see comparable improvements in soil quality, cost reduction, and revenue increases on my land. But whether to use his special GMO seeds is a different issue. I don't use them. So am I not an environmentalist? I don't "need" the seeds as he implies I do, in order to be able to use the techniques. Is a farmer who doesn't use the techniques, but uses the seeds, an environmentalist? I don't think so. What I think Mr. Brunkow has tried to do, and failed for any thinking reader, is to create justifications for using the GMO seeds by claiming they make a farmer an environmentalist. I respectfully believe he is mistaken.

Sincerely,
William Bradley
Overland Park

Man discovers rare tropical bird at Scott State Park

Chris Lituma, a post-doctoral research associate at the University of Tennessee's Institute of Agriculture, had no idea a fleeting trip to Kansas would result in a monumental discovery. Lituma was leading a group of students through a multi-state field study, including a stop in Scott City. His friend, and Kansas native Mike Hudson had recommended Scott State Park just north of Scott City to Lituma as a good place to go birdwatching - a hobby of Lituma's for the past 11 years. Upon arrival, Lituma began helping students identify the various birds, but one bird in particular was no ordinary migrant.

"The students asked me 'Hey, what's this bird?' and I briefly looked at it and assumed it was a black-headed grosbeak," said Lituma.

Students then looked up the grosbeak in a field guide to find it was not the same bird they were looking at.



A rare piratic flycatcher was spotted at Scott State Park just north of Scott City. Less than ten of these birds have ever been seen in the United States.

"At that point, I took another look at the bird and almost immediately realized this was no grosbeak, this was something very special; something rare."

Lituma thumbed through one of his field guides but was unable to find the family of birds he thought the

bird belonged to. He then grabbed a National Geographic field guide and was able to narrow his identification down to three birds. After a brief discussion with the students, everyone was in agreement that they were looking at a piratic flycatcher.

Hailing from as far as Argentina, piratic flycatchers are tropical birds belonging to the genus *Legatus* and are the only species to hold this classification. They are strongly migratory birds, and have been known to fly out of range, but rarely as far as North America. According to the American Birding Association (ABA), less than ten of these birds have been recorded in the U.S. If Lituma's sighting is accepted by the ABA, it will be the first record for Kansas and the farthest northerly record of the bird as well.

Scott State park manager Greg Mills said the sighting has brought in nearly 75 birders from 13 states, including Virginia.

Although the bird has yet to be seen at the park again since its last sighting at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 10, experts believe the bird could still be in the Sunflower State.

AUCTION
SATURDAY, MAY 23 — 11:00 AM
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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade slow. Demand moderate for dairy alfalfa, light to moderate for grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets and grass hay. Rain fell over most of Kansas, there were reports of hail, flooding, high wind even some tornadoes. A probability of rain was in the forecast through Saturday. It is time to be cutting alfalfa for dairy quality, but most producers are waiting for a break in the weather to get the hay up dry. The high quality alfalfa is finding good demand. Milk prices continue to improve a little. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange: www.kfb.org/commodities/haypasture/index.html

Southwest Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa, Horse, large squares 250.00, small squares 280.00. Dairy, 1.00/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-210.00; Premium 170.00-195.00, some New Crop alfalfa contracted 100.00-110.00 for all cuttings standing in the field, Dry Cow, Old Crop, Good 120.00-140.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa, at the edge of the field 100.00-120.00, some New Crop Grinding alfalfa contracted 80.00 for all cuttings standing in the field. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, Old Crop, 130.00-160.00. The week of 5/4-9, 7,246T of grinding alfalfa and 1,475T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, Good, large bales 60.00-75.00, mostly 70.00 or 80.00-95.00 delivered. Corn stalks 50.00-60.00, ground and delivered 78.00-100.00. CRP, Good, large rounds 70.00, Fair 55.00-65.00. Cane or BMR Sudan, Good large bales 65.00-75.00. The average paid by feedlots on May 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 152.47/T, up 1.78 from last month, usage was 772T/day, down 9 percent, total usage was 23,152T.

South Central Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady, alfalfa pellets steady to 10.00 lower. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, large squares 245.00-270.00, small squares 280.00. Dairy, 1.00/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-210.00, an instance New Crop 200.00; Premium 170.00-195.00; Dry Cow, Good 120.00-130.00; Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 95.00-110.00; Utility-Fair 80.00-95.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots, 130.00-160.00. The week of 5/4-9, 3,792T of grinding alfalfa and 1,000T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15 pct protein 165.00-180.00, 17 pct protein 185.00-190.00; Dehydrated 17 pct 260.00, Meal 266.00. Straw, Good, large bales 60.00-70.00. Cane or BMR Sudan, Good large bales 60.00-70.00, Fair quality 50.00-55.00. The average paid by feedlots on May 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 136.20/T, down 3.61 from last month, usage was 256T/day, up 3 percent, total usage was 7,691T.



Carson Keller, Piqua, led the champion breeding ewe at the 4th annual Flint Hills Classic, held at the Greenwood County Fairgrounds in Eureka on April 26. Over 500 hogs, sheep, goats and beef were shown by 4-H and FFA members from all over Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska. Carson is shown with Judge Shannon Scotten. Proceeds from the show benefit the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation, Greenwood County 4-H Council and Eureka FFA.

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Northwest Kansas
 Grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, Mid squares 250.00; Stock cow, Fair-Good, 1.00/point RFV. Fair, Grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 90.00-100.00. Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 115.00-150.00. BMR Sudan and Millet, Good 80.00-95.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas
 Dairy and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse, 300.00, some 8.00-9.00/small square bale; Dairy, Supreme 185.00-220.00, an instance New Crop 1.10/point RFV; Premium, 170.00-195.00; Stock Cow, Fair-Good, 1.00/point RFV, Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 85.00-95.00; Ground and delivered 130.00-145.00. Grass hay: Bluestem Good, small squares, 5.00-6.00/bale, 120.00-135.00, Mid squares 80.00-100.00, large rounds 45.00-70.00, mostly 50.00-60.00. Brome: Good, small squares, 6.00-7.00/bale, 130.00-145.00/T, Mid squares, 100.00-120.00, Good, large round, 25.00-50.00/bale, 60.00-80.00/T; CWF Grass mulch, large round 60.00-65.00. Straw, Good, small squares 4.00/bale or 4.50-5.00 delivered/bale; large bales 60.00-70.00/T. Sudan, Good large round 70.00-75.00, Fair 60.00-65.00.

****Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales. *CWF Certified Weed Free *RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula. **TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage). Source: Kansas Dept of Ag-USDA Market News Service, Dodge City, KS Steve Hessman, Rich Hruska, OIC (620) 227-8881 www.ams.usda.gov/mrreports/DC_GR310.txt
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AUCTION
SATURDAY, MAY 23 — 10:00 AM
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First Nebraska cases of bird flu confirmed in flock of 1.7 million

The ongoing bird flu outbreak has spread into Nebraska, and officials said last Tuesday they plan to kill 1.7 million chickens on a farm where the disease has been found.

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said the presence of the illness on an egg farm in Dixon County in northeast Nebraska is the first in the state.

But bird flu is already widespread in neighboring Iowa, where more than 26 million chickens have been lost. Officials routinely destroy the entire flock when the disease is found to limit its spread.

Nebraska Agriculture Department director Greg Ibach said he hopes officials will be able to limit the spread of bird flu, but the experience with the disease in other states suggest it will be difficult to contain.

"Unfortunately, Nebraska has joined a long list of

states currently dealing with highly pathogenic avian influenza," Ibach said. "The goal is to quarantine the flock and attempt to control and contain the virus as quickly as possible."

The federal Agriculture Department said the bird flu doesn't represent a significant health risk to humans.

Northeast is Nebraska is home to the majority of the egg-laying operations in the state, so officials are urging other farmers to follow proper biosecurity procedures. Nebraska has nearly ten million egg-laying chickens and ranks tenth among states in egg production.

Ibach said all farmers with poultry near the infected flock will be contacted and a perimeter will be established around the farm.

Veterinarians trained in disposal procedures will oversee the killing of the chickens in the days and weeks ahead.

AUCTION
SATURDAY, MAY 30 — 9:00 AM
 Sale Location: 2697 Hwy 15, ABILENE, KS
 3.5 miles North of Abilene
Vehicles: 2009 Toyota Tacoma, SR5, access door, red, 6250 miles, ex. cond, 4 cyl, auto, 2 WD, VIN 5TETX22N89Z593407; 1992 Toyota Tacoma, ext. cab, 4 WD, V 6, 3.0 L, 5 sp. manual, 212,618 miles; 1969 Kaiser Jeep w/ 6.5' snow plow & hyd. winch, V 6; 1986 F250 XL, ext. cab, flat bed, 5.8 L, 4 sp. manual, 2 WD; 1977 F250 Ranger, Super cab, 460, manual, 4 WD, flat bed w/ sewer pumping tank, (not running); Old F250 w/o bed; **Tractor, Tiller, Mower, Blade & Farm Items:** Ford 861 Diesel Tractor w/ Ford loader, 5 Sp., 3 pt., PTO, tires poor; 3 pt. Land Pride rototiller, mod 826-016C 097; 6' 3 pt. box blade w/ hyd. tilt ripper; 6' Huskee rotary mower; **Tools, Concrete & Brick Tools & Shop Items:** New still in crate Ramco RS100P series cutoff saw, 1hp, 1" blade, coolant kit; Ramco Industrial 50 ton press; 60 gal. Sandborn air compressor; Black Max 6800 watt 12 hp. generator; Reddy space heater; table top drill press; Craftsman table saw; jointer and sander table; elec. scroll saw; large band saw; angle grinders; Milwaukee sawzall; 3/4" Milwaukee drill; 1/2" hammer drill; bench grinder; 8 hp. masonry mixer trailer; 7 hp. power float; concrete Pumper Jack; Clipper brick saw; brick breaker; tile saw; brick saw; alum. bull float; 2 Simplex RR jacks; many other tools too numerous to list; **Meat Processing Equipment:** large Hobart meat grinder, mod 4822, 1 hp.; Hobart meat scale; **1000's board feet of rough cut lumber; Antiques & Collectibles; Coins; Stoneware; Household Items and Kitchen Appliances**
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BILL AND ELAINE MCKALE LIVING ESTATE SALE
FRIDAY, MAY 22 — 3 to 7 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 23 — 8 to 2 PM
 1101 8TH ST. — WAKEFIELD, KS
FURNITURE: Dining room table with 4 chairs & 2 leaves; wood deacon's bench; Longaberger wrought iron and wood shelf kitchen island; sofa; upholstered easy chair; coffee table; lighted curio cabinet; Broyhill bedroom set with full size bed complete; dresser & mirror; armoire & night stand; Lane cedar chest; wood storage bench; bookcase; card table & 4 chairs; 2 door oak barrister bookcase; 4 door oak barrister case
APPLIANCES: Whirlpool matching washer & dryer, front loaders; 9 cu. ft. chest freezer; Samsung 42" flat screen TV
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD: Home decoratives; holiday decorations; Crosley record player; bed linens; rugs; table lamps; fans; ceramic heaters.
HISTORICAL FRAMED PRINTS: Force That Ford, Secure the Crossing and Buying Time signed and numbered by Dale Gallon; Army's Best Kept Secret, signed and numbered by Susan Wilson; Army of the West, by Don Stivers; Distant Thunder, signed & numbered by Frank McCarthy; The Men Must See Us Today, signed and numbered by Don Troiani; framed Civil War Generals print; framed Sheridan; large wall hung Presidential seal.
COLLECTIBLES: Collection of political pin backs and other pin-backs; German volksmarch medals, 1928 Hoover/Curtis political poster; commemorative presidential coins; stamp collection; signed KC Royals baseballs; Union Leader tobacco tin; Henry Clay cigar box; 4' Evergleam aluminum Christmas tree; collection of 1970's toy-metal trucks and Fisher Price; 2) 6 gal. crocks; Ft. Riley Commander coins; 33 1/3rpm record collection; collection of Longaberger baskets; Banthrico banks; GI Joe dolls NIB; cast iron Indian bookends.
LAWN, GARDEN & PATIO: 2009 CUB CADET LTX 1046 riding lawn mower with 46" deck; Craftsman push mower 22" 5.5HP; Craftsman gas blower and hedge trimmer; Weed Eater; Craftsman compressor 1HP/3 gal.; battery charger/tender; assortment of garden tools; metal fire pit; golf bag wooden stand; 8' Werner ladder; Weber charcoal grill; wrought iron patio set with table & 4 chairs; 2 loungers and side table; Hampton Bay patio set; folding chairs; folding lounge chairs; camp stove.
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HARLEY GERDES CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Monday, May 25 — 9:00 AM

LOCATED ON 75 HWY, NORTH EDGE OF LYNDON, KS (30 MILES SO. OF TOPEKA)

No small items, Be On Time! Tractors & Misc. Equipment lined in rows together

TRACTORS

2005 MCCORMICK MC-105, CA, MFD, 3 pt., pto, w/ldr., 6,101 hrs
 KUBOTA B-2200, hydro, MFD, power steering, 3 pt., pto, w/Kubota LA-211 ldr., 521 hrs
 2008 JD 5525, CA, 3 pt., pto, 3,150 hrs, nice
 1993 JD 7700, CA, power quad, 3 pt., pto
 1989 JD 4055, CA, quad, 3 pt., pto
 JD 1520, gas, 3 pt., pto, w/JD ldr.
 JD 3010, LP, 3 pt., pto
 JD 770, ROPS, 3 pt., pto, w/60" belly mower, 1,085 hrs
 1997 WHITE 6144, CA, MFD, 3 pt., pto, 4,065 one owner hrs
 1994 WHITE 6065, ROPS, MFD, 3 pt., pto, w/Westendorf TA-29 ldr., 2,672 hrs
 1984 WHITE 2-155, Series 3, CA, 3 pt., pto, 6,233 one owner hrs
 1994 FORD 7740, CA, MFD, 3 pt., pto
 FORD 3000, 3 pt., pto, plastic grill
 FORD 8N, gas, 3 pt., pto
 FORD 1300, MFD, pto, w/ldr.
 1985 CIH 885, CA, 3 pt., pto, w/2255 ldr., 3,539 hrs
 1980 IH 1086, CA, 3 pt., dual, pto, 6,376 hrs
 1976 IH 1086, CA, 3 pt., dual, pto, 6,184 hrs, nice
 IH 3288, CA, 3 pt., pto, w/2355 ldr., 7,268 hrs
 IH 340, gas, 3 pt., pto
 IH 86, hi-crop, hydro, pto
 CASE 1190, 3 pt., pto
 1998 MF 6180, CA, MFD, 3 pt., pto, w/TA-29 ldr., 3,098 hrs
 MF 65, gas, 3 pt., pto
 AC 180, 3 pt., pto, 7,034 one owner hrs

CONSTRUCTION

1990 FORD 555-C, cab, Extenda-hoe, 4 in 1 bucket, loader-backhoe, 6,123 hrs
 1976 CASE 580-C, cab, Extenda-hoe, loader-backhoe, 5,976 hrs
 1986 CASE 580 Super E, cab, loader-backhoe, 3,078 hrs
 EVERSMAN, 10', land plane
 BOBCAT, asphalt milling head
 DENGELMAN R-5705, hyd. driven, rock picker
 3) new, 86", hyd. skid loader blades

HAY EQUIPMENT

JD 467, mega wide, rd. baler, w/net and kicker
 JD 567 rd. baler, w/net & kicker
 JD 535, rd. baler
 JD 535, rd. baler, w/tucker wheels & kicker
 GEHL 1865, rd. baler, w/tucker wheels & kicker
 GEHL 1465, rd. baler, w/tucker wheels & kicker
 NH 851, rd. baler
 NH 848, rd. baler
 VERMEER 605 Super G, rd. baler
 VERMEER 605-F, rd. baler
 VERMEER 555-XL, Accu-bale Plus, rd. baler w/tucker wheels & kicker, bales, nice
 HAYBUSTER H-1000, tub grinder
 JD 1209, 9', swather, nice
 2) HESSTON 1150, 12', swather
 NH 469, 9', swather
 NH 5409, disc mower
 NH 617, disc mower, nice
 JD 920, disc mower conditioner, for parts
 VERMEER RC-7120, disc mower conditioner
 JD 660 rake, w/dolly wheel
 JD 640 rake
 2) JD 640 rake, w/dolly wheel
 2) NH 258, rake
 NH 259, rake, w/dolly wheel
 NH 260, right hand rake
 OLIVER 207, rake
 EURORAKE, 2 wheel
 JD 348-W, sq. baler
 JD 347-T, sq. baler
 JD 224-W, sq. baler
 JD 24-T, sq. baler, nice
 DONAHUE, hyd., 3 pt., bale lift
 NH 450, 7', 3 pt., sickle mower
 IH 120, 7', sickle mowers
 NI 522, 9', 3 pt., sickle mower
 2) JD 38, 7', sickle mowers
 JD 39, 9', pull type, sickle mower

JD 350, 9', 3 pt., sickle mower, nice
 Bale fork, 3 pt.
 Bale fork, w/Westendorf brackets
 2) Westendorf bale spears
 WESTENDORF bale spike
 KING, 32', bale trailer
 Pop up bale loader

LAWN & GARDEN

JD GX-95, 32" deck
 YARD MACHINE, 38", rider
 GRASSHOPPER 618, 54", front deck mower
 2) MURRAY, 42", riding mowers
 SWISHER, 44", rigid cut, ATV mower
 SWISHER, Ranch King, 44", ATV mower
 Several rolls of Astro Turf

COMBINES & HEADS

1987 JD 7720, Titan II, CA, hydro, 4x4, 4,400 hrs
 1989 IH 1680, CA, hydro, 4x4, 3,433 hrs
 1981 IH 1460, CA, hydro, 3,516 hrs
 1975 IH 715, cab, gas, hydro, 2,404 hrs
 2012 CIH 3020, 30'
 1998 CIH 1010, 25'
 2) 1990 CIH 1020, 20'
 IH 810, 20', rigid
 IH 810, 17.5', rigid
 1995 JD 925, 25', flex
 JD 218, rigid, nice
 JD 653-A, row head
 1991 CIH 1083, w/corn reel
 JD 453, row crop head
 1991 JD 643, corn head
 JD 444, low tin, low tin oil drive, corn head
 JD 443, corn head, nice
 GLEANER, 15', flex, fits F2 header trailer

TILLAGE

CIH 3950, 25', disc
 CIH 496, 24', disc
 IH 490, 20', disc
 IH 370, 12', disc
 KRAUSE 1904, 20', disc
 KRAUSE 901, 18', disc
 BUSHHOG, 1445, 18', disc
 KEWANEE, 12', disc
 JD 630, 26', disc
 JD 331, 18', disc
 JD 235, 24', disc
 KING KUTTER, 4', 3 pt., disc
 GLENCOE CC-4450, 13 spring shank, disc chisel
 IH, 4 blade, disc plow
 MILLER, 10', offset disc
 WILBECK, 10', offset disc
 CRUSTBUSTER, 14', offset, disc
 JD F-145, 4 btm., plow
 JD, 3 btm, 3 pt., plow
 BIRCH, 2 row, 3 pt., cult.
 KING KUTTER, 1 row cult.
 WHITE 378, 6x30, cult.
 LILLISTON, 6x30, cult.
 CIH 4800, 20', field cult., nice
 2) IH 45, 16', field cult.
 IH 4500, 22', field cult.
 JD 1100, 16', 3 pt., field cult.
 AC, 10', field cult.
 JD, 4', 3 pt., tiller
 Roto Tiller, 5', 3 pt.
 5 shank, 3 pt., chisel
 Packer, 20', 3 pt.
 Packer, 10', pull type
 JD 400, 15' hoe
 JD 400, 15', hoe, used very little
 5 shank, ripper
 JOHNSON, 9 shank, V-ripper
 GLENCOE, 7 spring shank, soil saver, like new
 GLENCOE, 11 spring shank, soil saver

LOADERS & BLADES

WESTENDORF TA-46
 KOYKER K-5, fits IH
 JD 148
 JD 158
 DUAL 205
 ALLIED 895, w/8' bucket, pallet forks, JD 30, 40 & 55 brackets & joystick
 BUSHHOG RG-84, road grader
 LANDPRIDE RB 55-120, 10', rear
 2) BIG OX, 8', rear
 RHINO 950, rear
 KING KUTTER, 4', box

SHREDDERS

2014 JD HX-15, bat wing, like new
 JD 717, 7', 3 pt.
 JD 407, 7'
 JD LX-4, nice

RHINO TW-120, 10', 3 pt.
 BUSHHOG 13160, 14'
 BUSHHOG Squealer, 6', 3 pt.
 BUSHHOG 3610
 BUSHHOG 2512, 12', 3 pt.
 MF, 6', 3 pt.
 4', flail, 3 pt.
 BMB, 4' and 5'
 BMB XL-6, 3 pt.
 SERVIS, 7', pull type
 BUHLER Y-750R, 84", 5', 3 pt.
 BOBCAT, Brushcat, 5'

PLANTERS & DRILLS

2001 KINZE 3500, 8x15, no till, super nice
 4) KINZE units
 JD 7200, 8x30, w/no till
 JD 7000, 6x30, plate
 2) JD 7000, 6x30, plate, w/dry fert.
 JD 7000, 6x30, plateless, no till, w/dry fert.
 JD 7000, 8x30, plateless
 JD 7000, 8x15, plateless, split row
 IH 800, 6x30
 DEUTZ ALLIS 385, 6x30
 JD FB, 15x7, sd, w/seedler
 JD B, 16x7, w/grass seeder
 JD 750, 15'x7 1/2, no till, clean
 JD 8300, 20x8, DD
 JD 8350, 21x7, SD
 GP, 21x7, DD
 GP, 24x7, DD
 CRUSTBUSTER, 21x7, DD
 IH 5100, 21x7, DD
 TYE 16x10, no till, w/ 3 boxes
 BRILLON, 64", seeder

BEN WINANS ESTATE

2004 MCCORMICK CX-105, CA, MFD, 3 pt., pto, 1,682 hrs, w/Westendorf TA-26 ldr.
 1965 IH 806, f.h., pto, 7,568 hrs, w/GB 800 ldr.
 IH 500, 10', plow disc
 NH 658, rd. baler, w/auto wrap & kicker
 NH 352, grinder-mixer
 AC, 3 btm., 3 pt., plow
 ELECTO Spray, mist sprayer, 8x48, grain auger
 IH 470, 18', disc
 IH 535, 3 btm., plow
 BUSHHOG 3126, shredder
 JD, 4 btm., 3 pt., plow
 PEARSON, squeeze chute
 Leading chute
 300 gal., fuel tank on stand
 6'x12' trailer
 KING KUTTER, bale spear
 2) bale forks
 BUSHHOG 3126, shredder
 JD, 4 btm., 3 pt., plow
 PEARSON, squeeze chute
 Leading chute
 300 gal., fuel tank on stand
 6'x12' trailer
 KING KUTTER, bale spear
 2) bale forks
 1975, g-neck, flatbed, trlr.
 18.4x26 duals
 Rd. bale feeders
 Feed bunks
 Cattle panels
 20', fence panels
 Water tank

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

GEHL 170, grinder-mixer, w/scale
 GEHL 50, grinder-mixer
 GEHL 95, grinder-mixer, nice
 BEARCAT 950, grinder mixer
 JD 700, grinder-mixer w/hay table
 PEERLESS 500, Mil-N-Mix
 JD R, ground drive, manure spreader, clean
 JD R, ground drive, manure spreader
 JD 33, pto, manure spreader
 KELLY RYAN, 5x12, feed wagon
 KELLY RYAN, 4x10, feed wagon, nice
 KELLY RYAN, 4x10, feed wagon
 SCHULER, 5x12, feed wagon
 60) 20', 6 bar, cont. fence panels
 20) 5x12, portable panels

TRUCKS, VEHICLES & TRAILERS

1995 IH 9400, 12.7 Detroit, 10 sp., twin screw
 2005 CHEVY 1500, 4x4, V8, auto
 2000 GMC Sierra, V8, 4x4, auto
 1999 CHEVY 2500, V8, auto
 1998 CHEVY S-10, pickup, 4 cyl., auto
 1997 BUICK LeSabre, V6, auto
 1996 FORD, Thunderbird, V8, auto
 2011 MAXEY, 77"x16", bumper hitch trlr.

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1997 WABACH, 48', air ride, spread axle, semi trlr.
 1978 HOBBS, 8'x45', van trlr.

WAGONS & GEARS

2) PARKER, gravity boxes
 2) FARM KING, gravity boxes
 6x10 & 6x12, box wagons, w/hoist
 BIG BUTCH, 6x10, box wagon, w/hoist
 HAWKEYE, 6x10, box wagon
 GRAIN O'VATOR 30, auger wagon
 JD 1065, running gear
 WESTENDORF, running gear
 Running gear

MISC. EQUIPMENT

NH 890 chopper, w/controls
 JD 3800 chopper, w/hay head
 JD 35 chopper, w/2 row wide head
 JD 3940 chopper, for parts
 JD 5', hay head
 JD 7', hay head
 2) JD 2x30, chopper head
 300 gal. sprayer
 1,000 gal. tandem axle, sprayer w/booms
 KUKER 500 gal., tandem axle, sprayer, w/booms
 WILLMAR, 5 ton, fert. spreader
 EZ FLOW, 10', fert. spreader
 CALHOUN, Speed Spread, fert. spreader
 Transplanter, 2 seat
 CONTINENTAL, p.h. digger
 WESTFIELD, 10", hyd., truck auger
 WESTFIELD, truck auger
 SOIL MOVER 25-R, 3 yd., dirt mover
 AG RAIN, traveling, hose reel
 Water pump, pto

MISCELLANEOUS

2) New Buildings, 30'x85'x15' peak and 30'x40'x15', double door, commercial fabric, water-proof, UV and fire resistant, w/12' drive thru doors at two ends
 New Commercial pop up tent, 10'x20'
 2) New 20'x40' full closed party tent, doors, windows & 4 side walls included
 New 16'x22' Marquee Event Tent, one zipper door, 7 windows, heavy duty frames and fabric
 New tire changer, HD, 110V
 New heavy duty, 32 drawer, tool box & cabinet 89"x24"x87"
 2) New 10', 20 drawer, heavy duty work bench
 2) New 20T, air hyd., jacks
 2) New 50T, hyd., bottle jack
 5) New 2T, floor jack
 2) New 3T, floor jack
 2) New 10T Porta Power
 New 50T, heavy duty, shop press
 2) New 12' gates
 4) New, welding helmets, solar powered
 20) New, 28" poly, safety cones
 JD, 5', bucket, fits 48 ldr.
 11Rx245 tires
 11Rx225 tires
 Armstrong, 18.4x30 tire
 Pr. 16.9x34 duals
 20.8x38, 10 bolt, duals w/1086 hubs
 18.4x38 clamp on duals
 IH 1086 hubs w/16x38, 9 bolt rims
 2) pallets, JD cast, closing disks
 MERRITT, truck, headache rack
 Portable, volume gun

COMING FROM LOCAL FARM

IH 37, 9', disc
 KRAUSE, 12', disc
 FORD, 3 btm., 3 pt., plow
 IH, 2 row, go dig
 IH, 2 row, lister
 Cat. 11, quick hitch
 CROSS, hyd. cylinder
 Roll, new barbed wire
 Pickup fuel tank
 RHINO, p.h. digger
 BULL DOG jack
 Ford Ranger, pickup bed trlr.
 POWER CRAFT, wood lathe
 Center link, fence stretcher
 5th wheel ball, pr., f.h. prongs, clevis, pr. ramps, post pounder, lift beam, come along

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JOSEPH & CAROLE SHEPHERD ESTATE AUCTION

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY
SATURDAY, MAY 23 — 10:00 AM
 3610 E 56TH Ave, — HUTCHINSON, KS

HOUSE SELLS AT NOON WITH VEHICLES FOLLOWING
AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Selling is a home in a rural setting with a nice covered back porch overlooking a pond in a wooded setting which often has turkey and deer on the grounds. Other features of the property include a gazebo, 4-stall horse stable, large shop w/overhead door and a shooting range for the gun enthusiast. Sale includes a late model car & pickups, trailer, tractor w/loader, riding mowers, shop equipment, a few guns, horse saddles & tack, household goods, artwork, dolls, jewelry, etc. We will run 2 rings most of the day. Main entrance will be off of Old K 61 Hwy — follow the signs. 10% buyer's premium will be charged on this auction.

HOUSE & PROPERTY: There are 2 parcels — will be bid separately and then combined, selling for highest total price.
 1st parcel has 16+ acres w/2,040 sqft ranch style 2-bedroom house, full & half baths, full basement, 2-car attached garage, built 1977. The house has brick veneer, composition shingles, central heat & air, fireplace, wood deck, front & rear slab porches w/roofs and a gazebo. Outbuildings include 30' x 24' detached garage, 20' x 20' tool shed, 20' x 20' farm utility building with a 20' x 7' lean to. This property has well, septic, gas and fronts 56th Avenue. Reno County 2015 value - \$181,300. 2014 taxes - \$3,125.06 & special (solid waste — single family) \$70.
 Tract - ARK RIDGE, Lot 1, ACRES 16.0, SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP 22 RANGE 05W.

2nd parcel 12+ acres unimproved abuts north edge of prior property and fronts Old K61 Hwy. Reno County 2015 value - \$19,610. 2014 taxes - \$372.24.
 Tract - ARK RIDGE, BLOCK A, Lot 3, ACRES 12.0, SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP 22 RANGE 05W.

CAR — PICKUPS — TRAILERS:
 2012 Chevrolet Malibu LT sedan
 5006 miles; 2008 GMC Z71 Sierra SLE 4x4 extended cab pickup; 1997 RAM 2500 Laramie SLT extended cab pickup V8 Magnum; Doo Little EZ Load 16+4 tilt-bed trailer looks new; tandem axle stock trailer, good floor & condition.
TRACTOR — EQUIPMENT: Kioti HST CK20 HJ diesel tractor w/KL120 Kioti front loader 343.7 hrs; 3-pt Frontier GM1060R finish mower; 4-pt Kubota rototiller 42"; pull type lawn roller; 3-pt post hole digger

RIDING MOWERS: John Deere D130 riding mower 22hp; John Deere L111 Automatic riding mower 20hp 42" cut

APPLIANCES: Whirlpool 18 cu ft refrigerator like new * Maytag Centennial washer & dryer purchased 2011; Sharp carousel microwave oven; Haier dorm fridge; (2) Eden Pure Quartz Infrared portable heaters; (2) Comfort Zone Infrared heaters

ELECTRONICS: Vizeo 42" flat screen TV; Vizeo & Sansui flat screen TVs; 100's of VHS tapes & DVDs movies & shows; asstd DVD & VHS players

BARBIES — BOOKS — SHEET MUSIC: Approx. 100 collector Barbie's in their boxes; large bookcase of mostly military & war books; large bookcase of best seller hard backs; over 1000 pcs sheet music & song books

GUN SAFE — GUNS — GAME CAM: LeFever Arms 12 ga single shot shotgun vented rib; Savage Arms model 755A 12 ga semi-auto shotgun; Remington 22 single shot 22LR rifle; Ruger LCP pistol; Cannon gun safe w/electronic keypad; Bushnell game camera NIB

TOOLS: Miller Millermatic 180 auto-set 230v wire welder 1 year old, maybe 2 hrs use; Lincoln AC 225 Linxwelder; C-clamps; welding clamps; vise grips; welding cart; Vic-

tor gauges/hose/torch; Steele SP-RB 133 compound miter saw; US Industrial 12sp HD drill press 3/4hp 115v; Makita metal chop saw w/table; Clarke 8" bench grinder on stand; AMT 4" belt 6" disk sander; 4" swivel bench vise; Husqvarna 455 Rancher chain saw; efco 132 S chain saw; Jonsered 2054 turbo chain saw; efco gas powered pole pruner; efco DS 2800T gas powered trimmer w/brush blade; Foley-Bel-saw saw chain sharpening equipment; Powr-Kraft stacking toolboxes; lots of power & hand tools not listed

FURNITURE: Large triple dresser w/mirror has 2 matching chests & 2 matching full size beds* full size bed (headboard, mattress, box spring, frame) with matching dresser w/mirror & chest; 48" round oak claw foot table; Story & Clark spinet piano w/bench; modern 3-cushion sofa sleeper; TV stands; lamp tables; numerous book cases; vintage turquoise upholstered chair, ottoman, footstool; dining table w/pull-out extensions; sideboard; china cabinet; Pride lift chair; cedar chest w/combination lock; 3-pc bedroom set

SADDLES — TACK — HORSE ITEMS: (2) Western style saddles; saddle pads; bits; bridles; leads; reins; whip; large box of horse figurines
MISCELLANEOUS: Asstd fans; asstd clocks; dog figurines; large group of sun catchers; framed needlepoint artwork; mirror artwork; paintings & prints; floor lamps; table lamps; asstd china & glassware; Jacobus Stainer student violin made in Czechoslovakia; Diamond China set service for 12; (7) 1-oz. 999 Western Resources silver bars; (2) 10k gold star pins; old foreign paper money; 2011 medal of honor 1-oz comm. coin; 2.5 CARAT MARQUIS CUT 14KT GOLD MOUNT WOMAN'S RING; misc costume jewelry; old Maytag gas engine.

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March pork, beef exports show positive momentum

Exports of U.S. pork and beef gained momentum in March after starting the year slowly, according to data released by USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF).

Although pork exports were down from the large totals recorded in March 2014, export volume was the largest in 11 months at 191,041 metric tons (mt). This was 9 percent lower than a year ago, but a 10 percent increase from February. Export value of \$495.3 million was down 18 percent year-over-year, but up 5 percent from February.

March beef exports totaled 86,774 mt, down 7 percent from a year ago but a 5 percent increase over February. Export value was \$527.3 million, up 2 percent year-over-year but down slightly from February.

The March results reflect some degree of relief from the West Coast port congestion that plagued red meat exports in January and February. Port traffic began to improve after a tentative labor contract was reached in late February, though congestion lingered for several weeks at some major ports.

"Port congestion remained an issue well into March - and even into April in the Southern California ports - but the announcement of the new labor contract certainly improved the business climate," said USMEF president and CEO Philip Seng. "After months of frustration, the U.S. meat industry was finally able to reassure Asian buyers that the worst of the crisis was behind us and that they could once again count on the U.S. to fulfill its role as a reliable supplier. This was especially important for customers purchasing chilled pork and beef, which require very prompt delivery due to product shelf life."

In addition to shipping concerns, U.S. exporters have found their competitive position in some key markets damaged by large volumes of lower-priced products from other supplying countries. In many cases, diminished purchasing power due to the strength of the U.S. dollar has made the price disadvantage even more severe. Market access barriers also remain a concern in some markets, most importantly China and Russia.

"Closure of the Russian market to European pork continues to impact all major pork suppliers, as the EU has focused very aggressively on alternative markets in Asia," Seng said. "In the beef complex, the projected slowdown in Australia's production may still be coming, but certainly did not materialize in the first quarter."

"These are unusual conditions that are made more difficult by the strong U.S. dollar, but now isn't the time to dwell on the stiff headwinds we are facing. We must aggressively defend the customer base the U.S. industry has worked so

hard to build over the years by reaffirming the value and quality delivered by U.S. red meat."

March pork export volume highest since April 2014

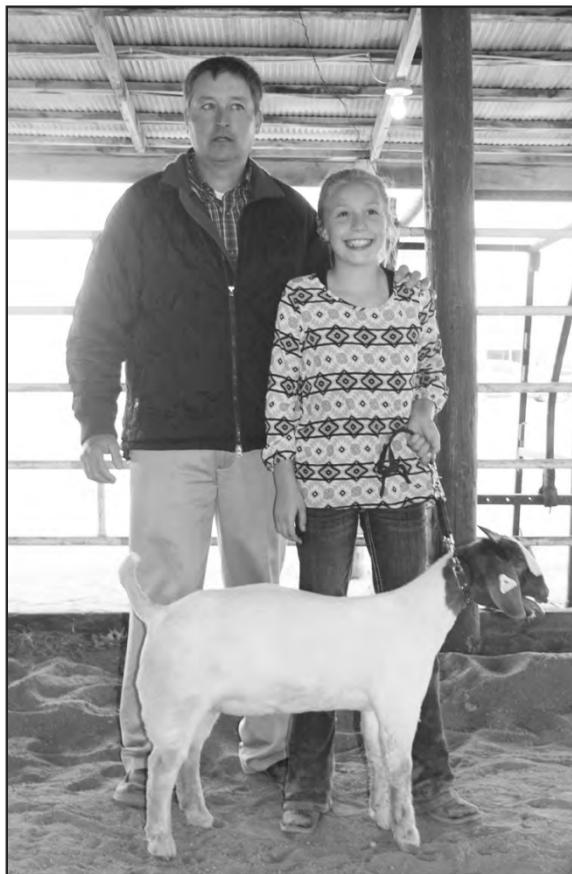
March pork exports accounted for 25 percent of total production and 21 percent for muscle cuts only - the latter being the largest percentage since July of last year. First-quarter ratios were 23 percent and 19 percent, respectively. Export value per head slaughtered was \$50.10 in March, down nearly \$20 from a year ago, but roughly steady with the per-head value recorded in March 2013. For the first quarter, per-head export value was \$49.48, down 19 percent from last year and down 7 percent from the first quarter of 2013.

First-quarter pork exports to Mexico topped last year's record pace by 7 percent in volume, reaching 179,507 mt, though value was down 6 percent to \$321.2 million. Year-over-year growth in the first quarter was led by South Korea, where exports in-

creased by 43 percent in volume (57,376 mt) and 55 percent in value (\$180.4 million). Exports to Canada were up 2 percent in volume (48,905 mt) while export value was steady with last year's pace at \$192.4 million.

Offsetting these results, however, were lower exports to Japan and China/Hong Kong. First-quarter exports to Japan declined 13 percent in volume (103,921 mt) and 19 percent in value (\$386.6 million) as Japan's total imports slowed after accumulating large frozen inventories of EU pork. Exports to China/Hong Kong fell 40 percent in volume (67,754 mt) and 42 percent in value (\$152.1 million) in the first quarter, although March exports were the largest in 12 months. Results in Latin American markets were mixed, with year-over-year growth achieved in the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Guatemala and Panama, but exports declined to Colombia and Chile.

Japan, Mexico still



London Hilton, Howard, earned reserve champion breeding doe with her entry at the Flint Hills Classic Livestock Show in Eureka. Judging the event was Shannon Scotten.

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TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS: Blacksmith vise; floor & hyd jacks; Echo chop saw; sockets & wrenches; tap & die set; other tools not listed; front end IH #460; 300 gal poly tank; 100 gal saddle tanks; grain bin aera300 & 500 gal fuel tanks; lots of honey bee supers; lg honey extractor; IH hyd cylinders; 16' port hay elev; 16', 4" grain auger. Lots of tools & misc not listed.

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mainstays for U.S. beef

March beef exports accounted for 10 percent of total production and 13 percent for muscle cuts only, slightly exceeding first-quarter ratios but down from 11 percent and 14 percent, respectively, from March 2014. Export value per head of fed slaughter was \$284.30 in March, up 5 percent from a year ago. For the first quarter, per-head export value was \$290.32, up 9 percent.

So far in 2015, beef exports to Japan have performed extremely well despite significant obstacles - including the West Coast port situation, a weakened Japanese yen and a tariff advantage for Australian beef under the recently implemented Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement. First-quarter exports to Japan increased 4 percent in volume (48,347 mt) and 11 percent in value (\$322.8 million). Exports to Mexico increased 4 percent

in value (\$285 million) despite slipping 1 percent in volume (56,582 mt).

Beef exports to Korea got off to a very slow start in 2015, but continued to gain momentum in March. First-quarter volume was still down 4 percent from a year ago to 27,624 mt, but export value was up 2 percent to \$204.1 million. Exports to Taiwan trended in the opposite direction, slowing in March after a very solid start. First-quarter volume to Taiwan was down 10 percent to 6,382 mt, while value was up 11 percent to \$64.1 million. Exports to Hong Kong, which were record-large in 2014 but slowed to-

ward the end of the year, were down 21 percent in volume (27,841 mt) and 6 percent in value (\$211.9 million) in the first quarter.

March lamb exports steady; first-quarter totals lower year-over-year

March exports of U.S. lamb were down slightly in volume (728 mt) from a year ago but steady in value at \$1.92 million - the largest monthly value total since November. First-quarter exports were down 14 percent in volume (2,271 mt) and 18 percent in value (\$5.36 million) as growth in the Caribbean and Middle East was offset by lower totals for Mexico and Canada.

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- 20 black steers and heifers, 800-925 lbs.
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Consumers don't care if U.S. farmers feed the world

"We're feeding the world" is a mantra often used by those involved in farming and food to build support for modern food production systems. However, the latest research from The Center for Food Integrity (CFI) shows that most consumers don't seem to care.

"The global population is forecast to reach nine billion by 2050. Feeding the nine billion will require technology and innovation

that will help farmers raise more animals for food and grow more crops on the land already in production," said Charlie Arnot, CEO of CFI. "But the 'feeding the world' message won't generate public support for today's agriculture technology."

In fact the latest research from The Center for Food Integrity, *Cracking the Code on Food Issues: Insights from Moms, Millennials and Foodies*, shows that only 25

percent of consumers believe, "The U.S. has a responsibility to provide food for the rest of the world."

"It's time to change the conversation," said Arnot.

What consumers care about most, according to the survey, is having access to healthy, affordable food. For the last two years, that's been a top concern.

"U.S. consumers are much more interested in access to healthy, affordable food than in feeding the

world," Arnot said. "Farmers are more likely to build support for today's farming by talking about how what they do on the farm helps keep healthy food affordable."

For example, share with them how modern farming innovations like genetically modified seed and indoor animal handling systems allow farmers to produce safe food using fewer resources, with the added benefit of holding down

costs, he said.

"Building trusting relationships with consumers is about making what you're doing relevant to them and helping them understand that you share their values when it comes to important issues like animal care, the environment and providing healthy, affordable food," he said. "Our peer-reviewed and published trust model tells us that communicating with shared values is three-to-five times more impor-

tant to building consumer trust than simply providing information."

"Helping consumers understand that you value what's important to them goes a long way toward building trust," said Arnot. A summary of the CFI research, *Cracking the Code on Food Issues: Insights from Moms, Millennials and Foodies*, can be downloaded at www.foodintegrity.org. Contact CFI at learnmore@foodintegrity.org.

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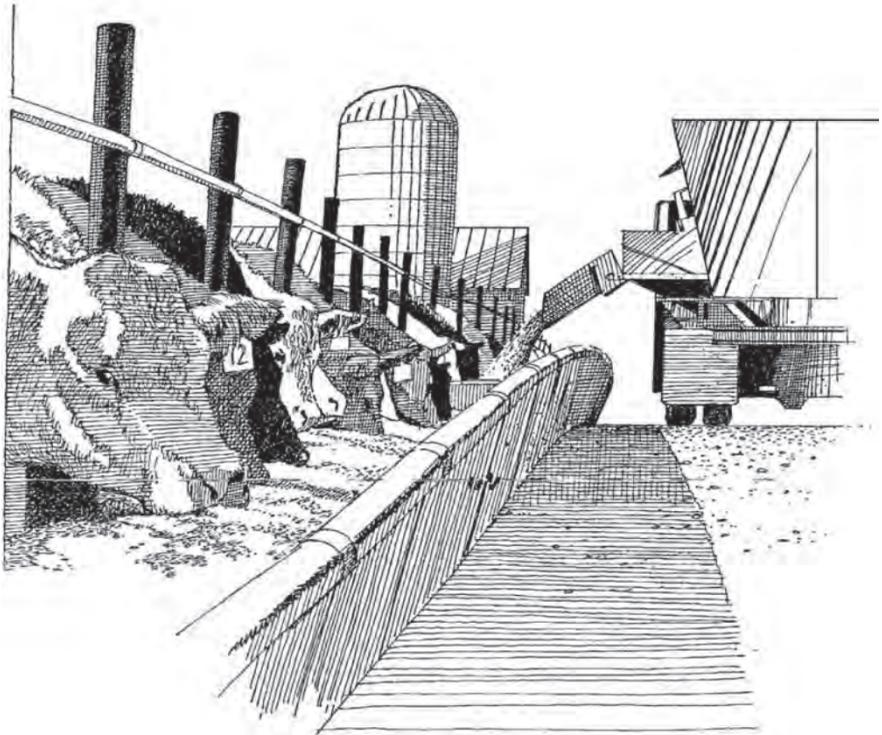
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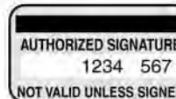
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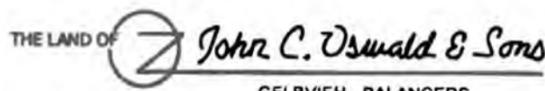
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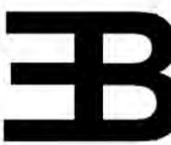


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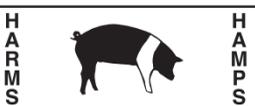
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Cargill helps cows avoid heat stress during hot summer months

Cargill's animal nutrition business recently shared new data proving the effectiveness of its customized feeding solutions that help customers manage heat-stressed cows during heat waves. With summer in full swing in the northern hemisphere, heat stress generally begins to affect a cow's performance when the Temperature Humidity Index (THI) reaches 68, and can significantly reduce their appetite, fertility and milk production levels.

"Our proprietary feeding solutions, called I.C.E.™ and Cooling Pack™, which are tailored to meet customers' specific needs and the environment in which they operate, help protect cows from heat stress effects at the cellular level," said Ercole Zerbini, Cargill's global ruminant technology director. "Adding key nutritional ingredients such as an osmolyte can help cows stay hydrated, avoid dramatic increases in overall body temperature, recover faster after high heat and humidity, and improve pregnancy and fertility rates."

Recent trials prove effectiveness

Commercial farm trials in Texas demonstrated an increase in conception rates of 7.1 percent in multiparous cows (cows that have had more than one calf) and 8.1 percent in primiparous cows (cows that are calving for the first time).

A trial in Brazil indicated a 13 percent increase in fertility rates.

Another study in Brazil showed better protection against the depression in milk fat concentration often seen when cows are exposed to heat.

Heat stress is known to bring increased risk of ruminal acidosis. Work at the Cargill Innovation Center in Velddriël, The Netherlands demonstrated improved maintenance of rumen pH.

"A customer in the U.S. was able to maintain 70 pounds (32 kilograms) of milk with 4.6-to-4.7 percent butterfat and 3.6 percent protein through the whole summer," says Noah Hughes, Cargill sales consultant. "Previously, milk production at this dairy farm would drop to 60 pounds (27 kilograms) per day in the peak summer heat."

Cargill's heat stress feeding solutions, marketed under I.C.E.™ and Cooling Pack™, are now available in the U.S., Brazil, France, Italy, Korea, Mexico, Russia, Canada and Peru. For optimal results, Cargill and Provimi brand nutritionists recommend implementing this technology before a heat wave begins. Contact your local sales representative to learn more about which heat stress solution would best suit your needs.

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Your expertise

By Miranda Reiman

A T-bone or a sirloin is a summer suppertime staple at our house.

After working all day, I can easily pair a steak with a quick potato option, garden veggies and biscuits or popovers and have the meal

on the table in less than half an hour. And it's consistently good, a meal we look forward to.

Earlier this year I sat in on a presentation given by a "grill master," who personally owns and uses 36 different grills. Trust me when I

say he's a professional. He said there are four keys to the perfect steak: good equipment, good meat, good seasoning and good instructions.

That seems easy enough, but when any one of those factors is amiss it can leave consumers, who have just made a fairly significant investment to buy beef, with a bad taste in their mouths.

Good equipment is simply having the right tools for the job. That doesn't mean fancy, but something that can maintain consistent heat and simply does its job. That's not your department.

Good seasoning. Typically the chefs I hear from say with beef less is better. Salt and pepper are usually their first ingredients of choice. "Don't overpower the beef," they often say. Again, as a farmer or rancher, that's not your area of ex-

pertise.

Good instructions. Beef can be intimidating. What cut works best for which application? How long does it cook and how can one tell if it's done? Good questions are asked each and every day all across the U.S. That's why we have programs like the Beef Checkoff. That's why the beef industry is at "home and garden shows" and other consumer events, in the name of beef education. Sure, it's a cause you support, and you might even get in on a grocery store demonstration now and then, but for most producers, that's still a topic that you may prefer to delegate.

That leaves us with the last pillar: good meat. Now here's where you come in.

You can't influence what the consumer purchases. You have no control over what they decide to do with the beef when it gets to their house - they may even smother it in A.I. or, heaven

forbid, ketchup! For the most part, tools and trade secrets are left up to others to share.

But you can make sure the beef buyers have a ready supply of consistent, high-quality, tasty and tender product to choose from.

Several years' worth of decisions on your farm or ranch all culminate in that moment. After a brief session on the grill, a consumer decides whether or not that meal was worth it. They'll see if it lives up to their expectations for time and money invested.

The grill master I met earlier this year takes his responsibility seriously. "My job as an educator and a product guy is to make a better grill and provide better instructions, so it highlights what you're doing on the front end," he said. "Your products are that much better because they're grilled better."

Now it's your turn to hold

up your end of the bargain.

Next time in Black Ink® Steve Suther will look at what you know. Questions? E-mail mreiman@certifiedangusbeef.com.

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River Valley Extension District implements poultry testing changes

River Valley Extension District will be changing county fair requirements for poultry testing. Previously, River Valley has invited Kansas Division of Animal Health (KDAH) and USDA personnel to conduct Avian Influenza and Pullorum testing for county fairs. However, recent outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in numerous states have raised concerns about avian influenza in exhibition poultry. Therefore, testing policies have been changed.

In the past, testing has been conducted the day of the fair. With elevated concerns that birds may have been exposed to HPAI, they can no longer continue this practice. If a bird would test positive at the county fair, all birds on site would be

considered exposed, would be placed under quarantine at the fairgrounds, and likely would have to be euthanized.

To avoid this occurrence, KDAH and USDA personnel are requiring that county fair poultry testing be conducted at least ten days prior to the start of the fair. This will give KDAH and USDA time to confirm test results and take the appropriate actions in advance.

River Valley understands that this may be an inconvenience and apologize. However, they want to be responsible and proactive. River Valley hopes that you understand the importance of making these changes to testing schedules. With that said, the following dates have been set in conjunction with KDAH

and USDA for River Valley District county fair poultry testing. It is important to note that exhibitors can attend any of the following dates and times, even if the date and time is not in your respective county. Please contact Katelyn Brockus at the Washington County office with additional questions or concerns, 785-325-2121 or kbrockus@ksu.edu.

County Fair Poultry Testing Dates:

June 22- Concordia Fairgrounds- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

June 22- Belleville Fairgrounds- 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

June 23- Clay Center Fairgrounds- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

June 23- Washington Fairgrounds- 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Peterson announces retirement from American Royal

Bob Petersen, who has served as the American Royal's president and CEO, has announced that he will retire at the end of 2015. He joined the Royal on an interim basis in 2010 and was formally named to its top staff post in January, 2011.

Petersen commented, "We have enjoyed many successes over the last five-plus years, but I firmly believe the American Royal's best days lie ahead."

John M. Mitchell, Jr., chairman of the American Royal, said: "Bob Petersen came to the American Royal at just the right time with the right skill set. He and the fine team he has assembled have helped the Royal regain financial stability and put us in an excellent position for continued growth."

Mitchell said the Royal will soon begin a search process for Petersen's successor and hopes to have that person on board in time for at least some of the fall season.

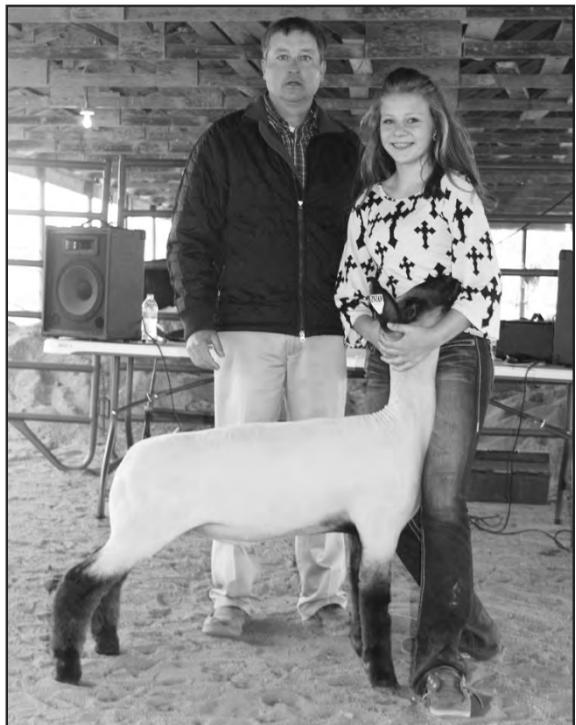
Petersen said he won't be retiring completely and that he looked forward to re-engaging in his consulting business which manages several agricultural non-profit associations. He said he will also take some time to simply enjoy life with friends and family.

In reflecting on his career, Petersen said, "As a youngster growing up on a family ranch in central Nebraska and showing cattle and horses at the county fair, to later become president and CEO of one of the nation's premier agricultural expositions is a wonderful thing. It has been a real

honor for me to serve in this capacity. It is particularly gratifying to me that the American Royal has elected me as a Lifetime Honorary Director."

The American Royal Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that has been a Kansas City tradition since 1899. Each year more than 270,000 people attend events at the American

Royal Complex. In 2014, the Royal was able to give \$1.4 million in scholarship and educational awards. In addition to its educational mission, the American Royal generates some \$60 million of economic impact, \$4.4 million in local tax revenues, and supports 450 jobs. For further information, see www.americanroyal.com



Brooklyn Hilton, Howard, led the reserve champion market lamb at the 4th annual Flint Hills Classic at the Greenwood County Fairgrounds in Eureka Sunday, April 26th. There were 59 market lambs and 25 commercial ewes shown. She is pictured with judge Shannon Scotten.

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USDA invests \$6.5 million to help conserve water, improve water quality in Ogallala Aquifer region

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$6.5 million in the Ogallala Aquifer region this year to help farmers and ranchers conserve billions of gallons of water and improve water quality. Fund-

ing will be targeted to seven priority areas to support their primary water source and strengthen rural economies.

"This funding assists conservationists and agricultural producers in planning and implementing conservation practices that con-

serve water and improve water quality," said Vilsack. "This work not only expands the viability of the Ogallala Aquifer but also helps producers across the Great Plains strengthen their agricultural operations."

Underlying the Great Plains in eight states, the Ogallala supports nearly one-fifth of the wheat, corn, cotton and cattle produced in the United States. It has long been the main water supply for the High Plains' population and is being depleted at an unsustainable rate. The reservoir was created more than a million years ago through geologic action and covers about 174,000 square miles; mainly in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas (also known as the High Plains). The aquifer also covers part of South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Through the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI), USDA's Natural Resources

Conservation Service (NRCS) is directing funding in fiscal 2015 to support targeted, local efforts to improve the quality and availability of this vital water supply. This year's work is planned in seven priority areas in five states and will continue for up to four years. It will conserve billions of gallons of water per year, extending the viability of the aquifer for multiple uses. This conservation investment builds on \$66 million that NRCS has invested through OAI since 2011, which helped farmers and ranchers conserve water on more than 325,000 acres. The Secretary noted that much of the funding invested by USDA has been matched or supplemented by individual producers.

The fiscal 2015 priority areas include: Northern High Plains ground water basin in Colorado: NRCS will focus on helping producers install

new technologies on irrigated operations to more efficiently use water. These technologies include weather stations, sensors and telemetry for soil moisture and nutrients and advanced irrigation systems. Water and conservation districts are also developing incentive programs for producers. This conservation work will conserve 2.1 billion gallons of water over four years.

Priority areas in Kansas: NRCS will work with producers to reconvert irrigated cropland to dryland farming in high priority areas. The state identified these areas in the Kansas Water Plan as Priority Ground Water Decline and Quick Response Areas, meaning they are the ones most in need and where conservation can have the biggest impact on recharging the aquifer. The conservation work will conserve 1.8 billion gallons of water over four years.

Priority areas in eastern New Mexico: NRCS will work with producers to convert irrigated cropland to dryland cropping systems and restore grasslands. NRCS will work with producers to reduce pumping on 1,190 acres each year over four years. This conservation work will conserve

1.56 billion gallons of water over four years, helping ensure water for agricultural lands, cities like Clovis and Portales, N.M. and Cannon Air Force Base.

"Water is a precious resource, and the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative helps our farmers and ranchers use it wisely," said NRCS Chief Jason Weller. "This is especially important in a place like the Ogallala, where drought conditions have prevailed in recent years. We know we can't change the weather, but we can help producers be ready for it."

Many western states were affected by a historic drought earlier in the decade, and that drought continues in areas including California and the southwest. NRCS works with producers to provide innovative, field-based conservation technologies and approaches, leading to improvements like enhancing soil's ability to hold water, evaluating irrigation water use and installing grazing systems that are more tolerant to drought.

For more on technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted or a local USDA service center.

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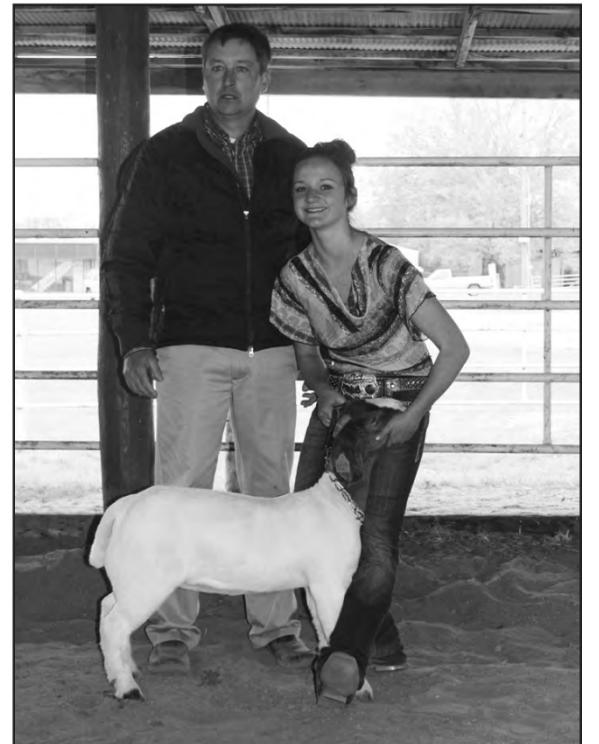
Fall Calves: all weaned
250 blk, blk-x & rd (20 hd) NI, nice, kind, easy to look at, 500-700 lbs....Ries & Keller
207 Angus & bwf (120s-87h) NI, the real deal! Genetics from Varilek & Deep Creek, 500-675 lbs.LB Haase & Sons
192 blk, few bwf, NI, 500-700 lbs.....Lazy Trails Ranch
171 rd Angus & blk (34 hd) (127s-44h) NI, long! 500-675 lbs.Jan Drinkwalter
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90 blk, NI, 400-600 lbs.....Kepler-Vargason
70 blk, bwf NI, 550-700 lbs.....Klein's Happy Acres
60 blk str, NI, 500-550 lbs.....Dean Stiefel
50 Angus & blk str, 475-600 lbs.....Dick Stiefel
40 rd, rd-x, NI, 550-650 lbs.....Evergreen Trust
25 blk str & hfrs, 500-700 lbs.....Russ & Dee Foster
21 blk, NI, 500-650 lbs.....Jim & Tanner Lolley
20 blk, NI, 500-550 lbs.....Joe & Mavis Fleming
18 blk str, NI, 500-600 lbs.....Wes Schmidt

Yearling Steers:
260 blk, HR, NHTC, sired by Final Answer sons, 800-900 lbs.....Tri R Farms
60 blk & Angus, NI, MT origin/A.I. genes, 900-950 lbs.....Jim Heath
60 blk-x & xbred str, 900-1000 lbs.....Francis Heath
85 Anugs & blk, NI, HR, 625 lbs.....Cory Rust
26 Hereford & blk (8 Hereford hfrs) HR, 600-800 lbs.....Dwight Logterman

Yearling Heifers:
160 Angus & blk, NI, B.V., HR, top end, April/May calves, 650-700 lbs.....Cory Rust
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For the week of May 13, 2015

	STEERS						
4	298	327.00	2	648	207.00		
2	385	314.00	1	735	191.00		
3	417	300.00	4	828	184.00		
7	491	297.00				Top Butcher Cow:	
3	507	297.00				\$114.50 @ 1,160 lbs.	
5	604	266.00				Top Butcher Bull:	
3	653	240.00				\$144.00 @ 2,100 lbs.	
8	666	233.00				Bred Cows: \$1,625 to \$2,250	
7	824	211.50				Pairs: \$2,275 to \$2,700	
60	945	199.00				Fat Hog Top:	
						\$50.50 @ 272 lbs.	
						Sows: No Test	

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

- Regular Sales thru the month of May
- June 3rd Sale (Sale at Clay 4th)
- June 10th Sale
- June 17th No Sale (Sale at Clay 18th)
- June 24th No Sale
- July 1st No Sale
- July 8th Sale (Back to Regular Sale Schedule)

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Cattle sales Tuesday, 11:00 AM.

For week of May 12, 2015
Light run of calves so unable to accurately test market

Top Butcher Cow was
\$116.00 @ 1,500 lbs.

Top Butcher Bull
\$147.50 @ 2,150 lbs.

Bred Cows:
\$1,500 to \$2,200

Pairs:
\$2,025 to \$2,550

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

- Regular Sales thru the month of May
- June 2nd Sale
- June 9th No Sale (Sale 10th at J.C.)
- June 16th SALE
- June 23rd No Sale
- June 30th No Sale
- July 7th No Sale
- July 14th Back to Regular Sale Schedule

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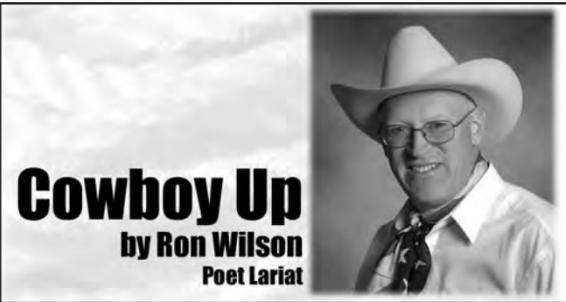
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Cowboy Up
by Ron Wilson
Poet Lariat

Faster to Pasture

The *Tipping Point* was a best-selling book by Malcolm Gladwell a few (okay, thirteen) years ago. The concept was simple: There is a magical moment when things change, when just enough of something happens to make a difference. Gladwell wrote about it in terms of social culture, that there would be a moment when a minor trend would reach a threshold and "tip" over to become a megatrend.

It's like the one additional kernel of wheat that tips the scale from X to Y. It's the last drop of water that breaks the pipe. It's the weight of that one additional straw which is virtually nothing by itself, but when it is added to the load with all the weight that has gone on before, it is the straw that breaks the camel's back.

Another way of thinking about such things is in terms of reaching mile-

stones: Your first horse, your first car, your first den in your first car... There's your first date, your graduation, and in no time it's your twentieth wedding anniversary! How did that go by so quickly? A wise man said, "The days can drag but the years will fly."

There is great wisdom in the writings of Solomon: "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted..." (Another version says "a time to plant and a time to harvest," which makes more sense to me. If a combine was called a plucker, it wouldn't have the same ring to it).

On the ranch, we also come to know the rhythm of the seasons and the milestones which are achieved annually: The last calf, the time to burn pasture, the

time to plant crops. For me, one of my favorite milestones is when the cattle go to grass.

It's kind of like a school year. The kids have been cooped up all winter, but they still have final exams to finish before they can go. Before we turn our cows out for the summer, we put 'em through the chute. They get some pour-on and the shots recommended by our veterinarian. We check 'em over and ear-tag any calves that didn't get done earlier or that need them replaced.

At last we have the cattle worked and the pasture ready. We've checked the water and fixed the fence. There's some we have to ship and some we can simply turn out into the south pasture.

When the time finally comes that we can open the trailer and turn those cattle out into lush Flint Hills pasture, they are like kids on the last day of school. And like the kids' teacher, I am also relieved to be done caring for them all winter. We've made a dent in the winter feed supply where we had them on drylot, and I am ready for a break from the daily feeding regimen.

So I open the trailer tailgate, and the cows ramble out into tall green grass. The days on drylot have been enough, and I'm happy that they've reached the tipping point.

Domino's says "No" to PETA

U.S. vegans will have to wait longer for vegan-friendly options at Domino's.

According to the *Detroit Free Press*, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) proposed Domino's add vegan cheese and meat to its topping options. Despite their request, Domino's shareholders overwhelmingly rejected the proposal by an estimated 43.2 million votes. Less than one percent of shareholders supported the idea. It should be noted PETA owns 39 of the company's shares.

"Like any prudent restaurant operation, we only add new items to our menu when there is meaningful consumer demand for that product," the board told MLive in a report. "We have yet to see clear indication of that demand, which would suggest that we add it to the menu of our more than 5,000 U.S. stores and, therefore, the Board cannot and does not support this proposal."

Domino's vice president of communications Tim McIntyre echoed the board's statement.

"We're constantly looking at consumer trends and new things. There has been

no sign of consumer demand," he told *Detroit Free Press* reporters. "We know a little bit more about launching products than they do. We know a little more about running our company than they do."

How does the public feel about PETA's proposal? Here are just a few of the comments left on MLive:

"Thanks Domino's for supporting American agriculture and not bowing to activists. We all know that you offer various options for your customers and appreciate the efforts you make to do so." - Deb Herring

"Thank you Domino's for once again standing up for our farmers and not giving in to pressure from animal rights activists. I'm not against having vegan options, but I do appreciate your board's response that changes should be made according to actual consumer demand and not by activists driving an agenda. Whenever I buy franchise pizza, it's always Domino's!" - Ryan Goodman

This isn't the first time Domino's shareholders have denied requests from animal rights groups. In 2012, shareholders voted against

a resolution proposed by the Humane Society of the United States requiring pork suppliers to eliminate individual maternity pens from their gestation barns. The agricultural industry responded by hosting a nationwide "pizza party" to pay it forward.

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Gone to Grass

By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

I've read about the rich folks in times of yesteryear. Who had a summer home in the country way out here. This was many years ago before air conditioning existed, and the heat inside the city just couldn't be resisted. So in winter time, they'd stay inside the city streets, but in summer they'd move to the country to escape the heat.

I thought about the summer homes those rich folks had back then, as we did the spring ranch work to bring the cattle in.

The cowboys rope and vaccinate and brand even faster, because the time has come to move those cows to summer pasture.

We'll load 'em in the trailer and take 'em up to the north place, where a wonderful pasture of Flint Hills grass awaits.

Those cows will be so glad to make it to this phase, where they have this wonderful green grass on which to graze.

So as I turn 'em out into the pasture for them to roam, they're like the rich folks of yesteryear: they're in their summer home.

Happy Trails!
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Huelskamp elated by house vote to delist Lesser Prairie Chicken

Last week Rep. Tim Huelskamp (KS-01) announced that the National Defense Authorization Act passed with his cosponsored amendment to delist the Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC). The amendment requires the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to delist the LPC, relieving Kansas farmers, ranchers, realtors and nearly every rural industry of this burdensome, job-killing over-regulation. It would return responsibility of LPC conservation to farmers, ranchers, and state, county, and local governments.

"I have been working hard to get the federal government off the backs of my fellow farmers, ranchers, small business owners and our rural economy," Huelskamp said in a statement following the vote. "With passage of this amendment, we begin ending the massive regulatory threat to our rural way of life from the ill-conceived listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken. It is high time that we place a greater value on the citizens of rural America than the Lesser Prairie Chicken. After years of work, it's great to be able to help deliver this victory."

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STEERS	6 bk	718@227.75	2 bk	913@189.00	
3 red bk	517@282.00	HEIFERS	2 bk	980@180.00	
4 wf bwf	463@273.00	2 bk	403@250.00	2 bk	1193@157.00
2 red bk	608@245.00	4 bk bwf	560@235.00	BULLS	
7 bk	658@244.50	3 red bk	617@231.00	5 bk bwf	353@307.00
12 char-x	654@241.00	6 bk char	597@225.00	6 bk	658@228.00

BUTCHER COWS: \$68-\$133, mostly \$105-\$120, very active.
BUTCHER BULLS: \$120-\$147.50, mostly \$137-\$147, very active.
PREG. COWS: \$1,000-\$2,425
PAIRS: \$1,500-\$3,550

BUTCHER COWS	BUTCHER BULLS		
1 bk	1365@133.00	1 bk	2125@147.50
1 bk limo	1375@132.00	1 bk	2330@147.50
1 limo	1220@131.00	1 bk sim	1840@147.00
1 red	1180@128.50	1 bk	1905@147.00
2 red	1475@126.00	1 bk	2030@144.00
1 bk	1325@125.50	1 red	1825@140.50
1 brangus	1415@123.00		
3 bk	1222@119.50		
2 red	1415@118.00		

Very good run of Packer Cows & Bulls with over 250 hd

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- 155 mostly blk str, 900-1,050 lbs., coming off the grass
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Market report for May 11, 2015:

BULLS	1 red	1355@107.75	1 bk	1395@107.75	
1 blk	1455@136.00	1 blk	1190@107.50	1 blk	1465@107.00
1 blk	1430@135.50	1 blk	1450@105.50	1 blk	1450@105.50
BRED COWS	1 blk	1465@105.50	1 blk	1485@105.00	
4 blk	1256@1,500.00	1 blk	1485@105.00	1 blk	1300@104.50
5 blk	1458@1,500.00	1 blk	1710@104.50	1 holstein	1555@104.50
COWS	1 blk	1035@120.00	1 holstein	1615@104.00	
1 blk	1070@113.00	1 holstein	620@195.00	15 blk	788@186.00
1 blk	1240@113.00	1 holstein	1215@129.00	2 blk	1215@129.00
1 holstein	1260@113.00	HEIFERS			
1 holstein	1185@113.00	1 blk	1655@1,950.00		
1 bwf	1295@109.00				
1 blk	1260@109.00				
1 holstein	1315@108.50	PAIRS			
1 holstein	1320@108.50	1 blk			

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RECEIPTS: 867 CATTLE

STEERS	3 hols str	601@212.50
2 blk bwf males	12 blk str	925@191.50
6 blk red str	5 hols str	679@188.00
4 blk bulls	8 hols str	580@180.00
5 blk rfw str	10 blk str	1105@166.50
3 bwf rfw str	6 hols str	979@157.50
14 blk red str	6 blk str	1331@155.00
11 blk red str	HEIFERS	
4 blk str	2 blk hfrs	317@312.50
5 blk str	5 blk red hfrs	339@290.00
27 blk red str	2 blk hfrs	455@261.00
4 blk str	4 rfw bwf hfrs	447@261.00
5 blk bulls	15 blk red hfrs	458@261.00
22 blk red str	4 blk hfrs	500@251.00
4 blk str	5 red hfrs	542@237.50
5 blk bwf str	16 blk red hfrs	579@227.00
4 blk str	16 rwf hfrs	557@226.50
5 bwf str	6 rwf bwf hfrs	590@218.00
3 blk str	8 blk red hfrs	686@214.00
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Market Report - Sale Date: 5-14-15. Head Count: 409

300-400 lb. steers, \$230-\$339; heifers, \$230-\$307; 400-500 lb. steers, \$225-\$305; heifers, \$210-\$272; 500-600 lb. steers, \$220-\$283; heifers, \$200-\$255; 600-700 lb. steers, \$205-\$252; heifers, \$185-\$227; 700-800 lb. heifers, \$185-\$238; 800-900 lb. steers, \$175-\$216; 900-1000 lb. steers, \$193-\$167 Trend on Calves: Choice steer and heifer calves sold steady to \$2 higher. Trend on Feeder Cattle: not enough feeders for a good market test. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows: \$107.50-\$122; Avg. dressing cows: \$95-\$107.50; low dressing cows, \$65-\$95. Stock Cows: Bred Cows, \$1,500-\$2,475; Cow/Calf Pairs, \$1,900-\$3,000. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls, \$127.50-\$146. Trend on Cows and Bulls: Butcher cows, \$2-\$3 higher; Butcher bulls, steady.

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Zoetis accepting nominations for Pig Caregivers award

Do you know a pig caregiver who goes above and beyond to consistently provide superior pig care? Nominate him or her for the Honoring Caregivers award from Zoetis.

Nominations for the Honoring Caregivers award — which recognizes exemplary pig caregivers and their positive contributions to the pork industry — are being accepted online at zoetisUS.com/HonoringCaregivers until Monday, June 22, 2015. Nominations also will be accepted at the Zoetis booth (#151 in the Varied Industries Building) at World Pork Expo in Des Moines, Iowa.

“Pig caregivers work hard to raise healthy pigs and protect our food supply, but their efforts can go unrecognized,” said Gloria Basse, vice president, U.S. Pork Business Unit, Zoetis. “In 2014, we honored five deserving caregivers, and we are looking forward to sharing the stories of more dedicated pig caregivers and the positive examples they set for other animal caregivers.”

From the nominations, five caregivers will be selected as winners and receive a trip to New York City in September 2015. They will be honored at an awards reception where they will be recognized for their dedication to the pork industry. Winners also will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.

Farm owners, veterinarians and others working in the pork industry are encouraged to nominate qualified farm employees. Nomi-

nated caregivers will be evaluated by an independent panel of judges based on their demonstration of commitment to the three pillars of superior pig care:

Proper treatment — commitment to the responsible use of antibiotics to protect animal and human health

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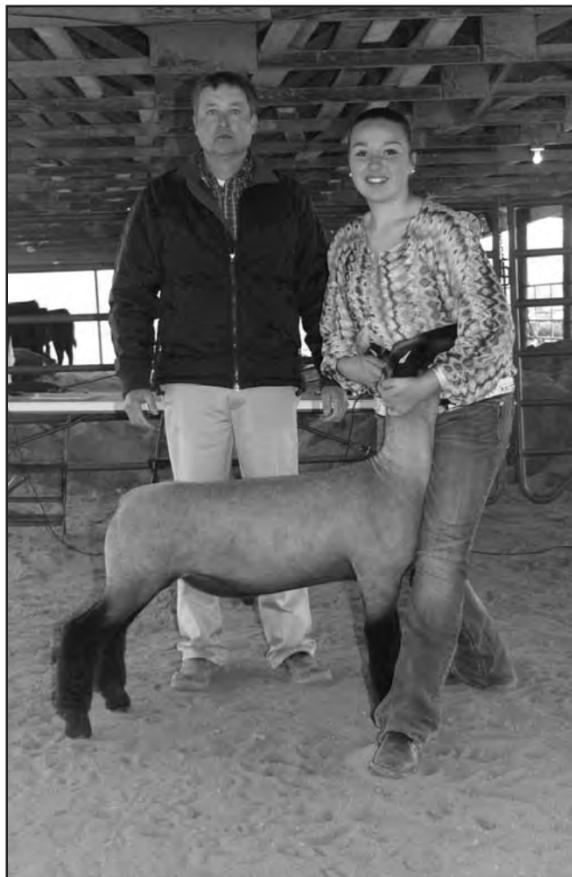
protocols to prevent disease

Proper pig handling — commitment to proper pig handling techniques to ensure pig well-being

“Caregivers who focus on biosecurity, proper pig handling and appropriate treatment for illness, make it possible to bring high-quality and high-value pork to market,” Basse said. “At Zoetis, we believe that exceptional caregivers de-

serve to be acknowledged for the positive impact they have on the pork industry. We are excited to do that through the Honoring Caregivers program.”

Any individuals who are directly involved with the daily care of pigs and are legally employed in the United States are eligible to be nominated and selected as a winner. For more information on the Honoring Caregivers award and the official contest rules, please visit zoetisUS.com/HonoringCaregivers.



Madelyne Koop, Howard, showed the grand champion market lamb at the Flint Hills Classic Livestock Show in Eureka. Shannon Scotten judged the event.

Enroll land in Walk-in Hunting Access program through July 15

Landowners interested in sharing the joys of hunting with others, and receiving additional income, are encouraged to enroll in the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's Walk-In Hunting Access (WIHA) program. Enrollment for the fall season is currently open and will close July 15. Land enrolled in WIHA still remains in private ownership and payment rates are often negotiable based on the number of acres, quality of habitat, and length of the lease access period. Landowners interested in enrolling can learn more by visiting ksoutdoors.com, or by calling (620) 672-5911.

Land used for the WIHA program is typically Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres, but land with similar qualities and hunting opportunities, such as native rangeland, weedy wheat stubble, milo stubble, riparian areas, and wetland areas are also considered for enrollment.

Grass & Grain Weather Report

May 19, 2015

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																								
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Sell Or Buy **Cattle** By Auction **STARTING TIME 10:30 AM** Tuesdays

We sold 1055 cattle May 12. Steer and heifer calves were in good demand at steady prices. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to \$5.00 higher. Cows and bulls remained steady.

STEER & BULL CALVES		HEIFER CALVES	
1 blk str	360 @ 299.00	1 blk hfr	310 @ 283.00
7 blk/char str	444 @ 288.00	1 blk hfr	340 @ 277.00
2 blk/wf str	388 @ 287.50	1 blk hfr	350 @ 275.00
1 x-bred str	415 @ 287.50	6 blk/bwf hfrs	507 @ 261.00
1 blk str	500 @ 281.00	2 blk hfrs	418 @ 260.00
10 blk str	542 @ 279.00	2 blk hfrs	418 @ 259.00
1 wf str	480 @ 276.00	5 blk hfrs	546 @ 245.00
2 blk str	500 @ 272.00	4 blk hfrs	536 @ 240.00
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1 x-bred str	465 @ 260.00	2 blk hfrs	593 @ 230.00
STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS		2 blk hfrs	653 @ 225.00
1 blk str	645 @ 236.00	3 x-bred hfrs	593 @ 223.00
2 blk str	653 @ 236.00	2 bwf/red hfrs	605 @ 220.00
2 blk str	650 @ 231.00	2 blk hfrs	670 @ 212.00
4 blk/red str	656 @ 228.00	2 blk/sim hfrs	635 @ 211.00
2 bwf str	668 @ 225.00	67 mix hfrs	758 @ 203.00
61 blk/char str	832 @ 222.00	10 blk hfrs	837 @ 198.00
63 mix str	861 @ 214.25	69 blk/bwf hfrs	837 @ 197.00
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1 blk str	760 @ 211.00		
137 mix str	873 @ 208.50		
17 blk/bwf str	860 @ 201.00		
48 mix str	896 @ 200.75		

COWS & HEIFERETTES		BRED FEMALES & PAIRS	
1 red hfrt	865 @ 174.00	1 blk cow/cf	@ 2125.00
2 bk hfrts	918 @ 152.00	2 bwf cows	@ 2025.00
1 bwf cow	910 @ 140.00	1 blk cow	@ 1925.00
3 red hfrts	1078 @ 132.00	1 bwf cow	@ 1700.00
1 blk hfrt	965 @ 128.00	2 blk hfrs	@ 1400.00
1 blk cow	950 @ 125.00	1 blk cow	@ 1250.00
1 blk cow	1030 @ 121.00	1 bwf cow	@ 1100.00
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1 bwf cow	1285 @ 113.00	1 blk bull	2115 @ 137.00
1 blk cow	1185 @ 112.50	1 blk bull	1860 @ 135.00
1 char cow	1345 @ 112.00	1 char bull	2270 @ 133.00
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- 6 Angus bwf fall bred hfrs, 3-4 mo bred to Angus bull
- 4 Angus cows, 8 yrs old, 5-6 mo bred to Angus bull
- 12 blk first calf bred hfrs 6-8 mo
- 1 char bull, 18 mo old, semen/ trich tested
- 1 blk lim-flex bull, 2 yrs old, semen/ trich tested
- 15 blk str & hfrs, 450-500 lbs.
- 20 blk str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs.
- 130 blk hfrs, 775-800 lbs.
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